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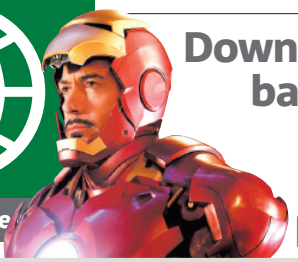

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Chicago's Dustin Byfuglien gets in the face of Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo at last year's playoff series won by the Blackhawks. The team has moved the six-foot-four, 257-pound behemoth back to forward from defence hoping he'll park himself in front of Luongo when Game 1 starts this Saturday in Chicago. **Canucks coverage, pages 6 and 20.**

Hospital offers baby drop-off

Angel's Cradle lets mothers abandon newborns safely

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St. Paul's Hospital is offering a place for troubled mothers to anonymously and safely abandon their newborn babies if they feel they can't care for them.

The drop-off, called Angel's Cradle, is accessible from outside the emergency room entrance as well as from inside the emergency room.

A mother can put her baby in the bassinet and leave before an alarm sounds 30-seconds later, notifying hospital staff that a baby has been placed there.

"Providence Health Care has a long tradition of providing compassionate care for those most in need," said Justin Karasick, a spokesperson for Providence, which operates the hospital.

"There's been quite a few recent local incidents where babies have been abandoned in alleys or dumpsters and we felt there was a need that wasn't being met," he said.

"(The Angel's Cradle) is kind of a last option ... for someone if they want to remain anonymous and (fear of reprimand) is what's keeping them from dropping off their baby with social services."

In 2004, a baby was found in a plastic bag at a Vancouver bus stop.

Last year, a newborn boy was found in a bag outside an East Vancouver home. Last month, police were called to the same home to investigate the death of another newborn.

Karasick said babies left at St. Paul's would be treated by hospital staff and then handed over to the Ministry of Children and Family Development to be placed in foster care or adopted.

If a mother changes her mind after leaving her newborn at Angel's Cradle she can contact the Ministry of Children and Family Development to discuss her options.

St. Paul's encourages mothers using the service to leave any pertinent medical information about the baby or her family.

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A small bassinet named Angel's Cradle is seen from the inside, looking out of St. Paul's Hospital on Thursday.

Bettin' Chicago 'dogs are tasty

GRILL TIME Chicagoans are putting their wieners on the line in the upcoming playoff series between the Blackhawks and Vancouver Canucks.

It's rumoured that Vancouver stands to inherit hundreds of hot dogs and sausages from Chicago Mayor Richard Daley if his team is defeated, after he and Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson made another friendly bet on the series.

Last year, Vancouver lost to Chicago 4-2 in the playoffs, and Robertson sent Daley local chocolate and salmon.

If the Blackhawks win again, Daley said he'll donate Vancouver's food package to the Chicago Food Depository.

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Visit city's past sins at police museum

The Vancouver Police Museum is re-launching its Sins of the City Tour on Saturday, offering participants insight into the city's sinful history of bootlegging, betting and brothels. Tours are on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and tickets are $15 for adults. For more information visit vancouverpolicemuseum.ca. METRO VANCOUVER

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Teacher won't launch rights complaint against school

LFA A lesbian music teacher who says she was effectively dismissed from her job at a Catholic school after her partner gave birth won't be launching a human rights complaint against the facility.

"I'm going to let this unfold," Lisa Reimer said Thursday, adding she wants to gauge parents' response to the principal's request that she work from home and assign her students online.

The school, Little Flower Academy (LFA), has said in a statement that Reimer's statements to the media on Wednesday were not accurate.

"The teacher has not been fired, and she remains in the services of LFA until June 30 and will continue to be paid accordingly."

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News in brief

CLARIFICATION The photo on Wednesday's front cover of Bif Naked shows a Vancouver Police Department patch on a jacket the singer says was a gift. Bif is not associated with police.

INJURED A 29-year-old man was taken to hospital in Vernon after allegedly being deliberately mowed down by a man in a pickup truck in a Canadian Tire parking lot, after a suspected road rage incident. The 45-year-old suspect was arrested.

CHILD PORN A White Rock man has been arrested after RCMP raided his home and allegedly found child pornography on one of two seized computers.

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Girders are hoisted onto the overhanging roof at a temporary stadium at Empire Fields in East Vancouver Thursday.

A work in progress

Temporary Empire Fields stadium takes shape

The $14-million temporary stadium at Empire Fields in East Vancouver is rapidly taking shape and is on track to be completed before the B.C. Lions' first home game on June 20.

The yet-to-be-named 27,000-seat stadium, located east of Playland's old wooden roller-coaster, will be home to the Lions in 2010 (and possibly the beginning of 2011) and for the first few games of the Whitecaps' MLS expansion season in 2011.

A tour of the site Thursday showcased a mass of metal scaffolding while workers hoisted large metal girders and secured them to the overhanging roof.

B.C. Place

• For a look back at B.C. Place's history, see page 8.

The bench seating in the end zones, which is taken from the Olympic venues Cypress and Whistler, is largely completed.

The covered sideline seating, which has been brought in from Switzerland, has yet to have the black plastic seats attached.

The scoreboard, situated at the north end of the stadium, has not yet been installed, nor have the B.C. Place field turf and the external washroom facilities.

Construction of the temporary stadium is being funded from PavCo's operating budget and is not included in the $563 million for the renovations and new roof at B.C. Place.

The PNE, which turns 100 this year, will operate the stadium and is investing about $1 million in food and beverage facilities.

The stadium will be dismantled next summer after the completion of the new retractable B.C. Place roof.

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Loved ones, fans holding memorial for blogger

EVA Friends, family and fans of popular blogger and documentary film star Eva Markvoort, who lost her public battle with cystic fibrosis on March 27, will gather to remember her life in New Westminster Friday.

Eva Markvoort

Markvoort, 25, died of chronic organ rejection after receiving a double lung transplant, which was captured in the award-winning documentary, 65_RedRoses.

The University of Victoria theatre student wrote about her life with cystic fibrosis on her popular blog, 65redroses.livejournal.com.

Her memorial will start at 4 p.m. at Massey Theatre, and will be streamed live on her blog. METRO VANCOUVER

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Chinatown exhibit launches at city archives

The City of Vancouver has launched an exhibit at its archives featuring artwork depicting 16 historic Chinatown buildings. Chinatown: Past, Present and Future, put together by Emily Carr University students, runs until May 31 at 1150 Chestnut St. as part of Asian Heritage Month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Scooting into parking spots

Motorbike riders to stage rally for more efficient use of space

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Ian Tootil at a designated motorcycle and scooter parking area in downtown Vancouver on Thursday.

Participants at a motorcycle and scooter rally are meeting early on Saturday to tie up downtown parking spots.

Rally organizer Ian Tootil said the goal is to take one parking spot per bike to show city officials that is not a space-conscious way to park motorcycles.

"We are going to be occupying single-vehicle parking spaces and feeding metres, which is what we are legally required to do right now," said Tootil.

COPE Coun. David Cadman introduced a motion in 2009 to designate low-cost and free on-street parking for scooters and motorcycles. It has not yet been accepted.

Tootil said he's not asking for car spaces to be taken away or transformed. He's requesting the space between the crosswalk and the last parking spot be for motorcycle and scooter parking.

Coun. Ellen Woodsworth, an avid motorcyclist, said she's offered to attend Saturday's rally.

"It's a very simple solution, which frees up parking spaces, and gets more people onto bikes," she said.

Woodsworth added she's always worried about her motorcycle getting knocked over when parked between two cars.

The rally starts at 7:45 a.m. at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre in the East parking lot, under the Burrard Street Bridge.

No charges to be laid over deadly avalanche

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REVELSTOKE No criminal charges will be laid in connection with an avalanche that killed two snowmobilers near Revelstoke in March, RCMP announced on Thursday.

According to police, there is no evidence that the snowmobilers who ignored avalanche warnings were part of an organized competition that had been taking place nearby earlier in the day.

Sgt. Rob Vermuelen said a group of people who had been watching the Big Iron Shootout on a flat portion of the valley moved to a nearby hill to take part in or watch high marking.

One of the snowmobilers triggered a slide, which caught nearly 200 people in its path, two of whom died.

"There is no evidence to show that the high marking was part of the Big Iron Shootout or sanctioned by any event organizer," Vermuelen said.

MLA to swap kidneys to secure husband's transplant

HEALTH A B.C. politician is taking part in a kidney trade involving six people that will allow her husband to get a much-needed transplant.

Kootenay West MLA Katrine Conroy wanted to give her kidney to her husband Ed but found out she isn't a compatible donor.

Instead, she'll donate her kidney to someone else and another donor will pass on his or her kidney until Ed gets the transplant he needs.

The New Democrat MLA will need to take about a month off work after the surgery.

The so-called domino organ donations are possible through a new living donor paired exchange registry that was launched last year by Canadian Blood Services.

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News in brief

MOTH SPRAYING The scheduled spraying for gypsy moth was postponed in Richmond on Thursday because of strong winds. Officials need to spray select areas for three mornings in a row between 5 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. The spray is harmless to people and animals.

SHOOTING A man who fatally shot two people outside the Purple Onion nightclub in Gastown, and tried to kill five more, has lost his last attempt at an appeal. The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear the case of 28-year-old Imran Saff Sharif.

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Opponents vow to keep fighting HST

TAXES The harmonized sales tax became law Thursday in British Columbia but the fight over the controversial tax appears far from over.

A grassroots petition campaign to repeal the HST led by former premier Bill Vander Zalm continues to gather support, and the Opposition New Democrats say they'll continue to push the government to dump the tax before it's officially implemented on July 1.

The Liberals are also in an HST side fight of sorts, challenging the independent Elections B.C., which ruled the government offside for planning to send out a brochure promoting the tax.

"The fight doesn't stop today with the vote on the HST."
NDP Leader
Carole James

The Liberals used closure to end debate in the legislature, voting 46-36 to implement the tax on schedule. Premier Gordon Campbell was not in the legislature for the vote.

The law eliminates the provincial sales tax to allow the levying of the HST, a blended 12 per cent federal and provincial tax.

"The fight will continue," said NDP Leader Carole James. "The fight doesn't stop today with the vote on the HST. Let's remember there's still two months until it actually takes effect on July 1."

The government said the tax will help the economy by encouraging investment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Airport customs go high-tech

TRAVEL Canada Border Services Agency has quietly introduced computerized customs clearances at Vancouver International Airport.

It's called automated border clearance; travellers returning to Canada just swipe their passports or identification, feed in their customs declarations and go through.

The machines, being tested in a two-year pilot project, were installed two months ago with little fanfare except a description of the new measures on the agency's website.

Spokeswoman Sue Neumann of the Customs and Immigration Union is alarmed that people will go through customs without seeing an officer. She adds that sometimes the machines misread the information.

But Hannah Mahoney, of Canada Border Services Agency, says the kiosk doesn't serve as an alternative to seeing a border services officer and Canadian residents must still have their documents verified by an officer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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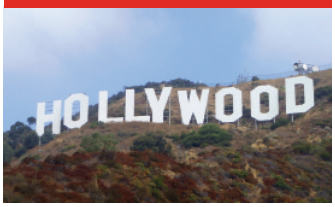

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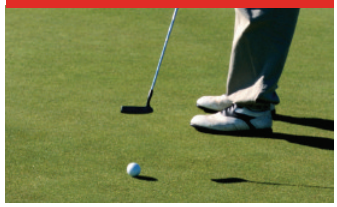

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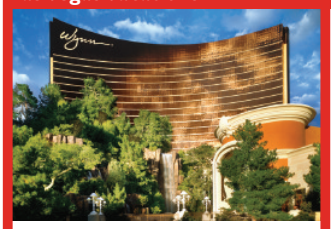

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Queen Charlotte Islands to get new name

Historic decision-making legislation was introduced in B.C. on Thursday to rename the Queen Charlotte Islands as Haida Gwaii, which means "Islands of the People." The restoration of the name will be recognized by the Haida community at a ceremony in June. METRO VANCOUVER

Green men set sights on Blackhawks

Chicago's Kane among targets

Vancouver Canucks players aren't the only ones looking forward to their playoff rematch with the Chicago Blackhawks — so, too, are the team's green spandex-sporting fans.

Sully and Force, who have become the Stanley Cup-starved club's most visible supporters since they first donned the Kermit-the-Frog-esque outfits last December, said they already have some new routines in the works for the Blackhawks.

Among the duo's targets will be Chicago star Patrick Kane, who pleaded guilty last August to a non-criminal charge of disorderly conduct after he and his cousin were accused of roughing up a cab driver over 20 cents.

"For Kane, we could offer him some cab fare. I know he's a little short sometimes," said Sully, a BCIT journalism student who asked that his real name not be used for fear his extracurricular activities might scare off potential employers.

Sully and Force made their debut on Dec. 22 when Vancouver hosted the Nashville Predators. They sat by the penalty box and treated opposing players to a series of pressed-up-against-the-glass dance moves and taunts.

Canucks defenceman Kevin Bieksa said he's among those who enjoys watching Sully and Force in action. He also believes it gives his team something of an edge.

"I think they are getting under people's skin. From talking to a couple of guys in L.A. (who play for the Kings, it's like), 'Who are those clowns behind the penalty box?'"

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- A Facebook group dedicated to Sully and Force has netted nearly 50,000 fans.

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Ludovic Jan, owner of Opus Salon in Yaletown, reacts to Patrick Kane's mullet hairstyle on Thursday.

Kane's mullet won't fly in Vancouver

LAURA FORTEY
For Metro Vancouver

HAIR Patrick Kane's playoff mullet is unlikely to catch on in Vancouver, some of the city's hair experts said yesterday.

They added that's a good thing.

The Chicago Blackhawks forward has been sporting a playoff mullet instead of a playoff beard.

Chris Funk, style director of Blow Dry Bar salon in Yaletown, said that the Euro mullet — a type of faux mullet where the hair is just slightly longer in the back — is becoming a more popular request in Vancouver salons, but Kane's trashy mane is just too much to handle.

"The mullet has to be understated. It's a case of less is more."
Chris Funk, stylist

"The mullet has to be understated. It's a case of less is more," said Funk.

Ludovic Jan, owner of Opus Salon, said his clients aren't interested. He said Kane's hairstyle is a good look, "except for the cabbage at the back."

Mullets, also known as hockey hair, have been worn by some of the NHL's biggest stars, notably Jaromir Jagr and Mario Lemieux in the '90s.

Sedin gets Hart Trophy nomination

NHL Henrik Sedin is in the running for the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player.

He was given a standing ovation in the dressing room on Thursday morning by fellow players.

Henrik Sedin

The Vancouver Canucks playmaker is up against Washington Capitals sniper Alex Ovechkin and Pittsburgh Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby.

They were the top three scorers this past season.

Sedin captured his first Art Ross Trophy as NHL scoring champion, finishing with 112 points (29 goals, 83 assists). He's the first player in Canucks history to win the scoring title, and led Vancouver (49-28-5) to its second-straight Northwest Division title.

Ovechkin, the defending champion, tied Crosby for second in league scoring with 109 points.

The winner will be announced June 23 at the NHL awards night in Las Vegas.

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B.C. Place event days expected to rise

B.C. Place averages more than 200 event days per year and refurbishments to the stadium are expected to add another 40 more. The annual economic activity generated by B.C. Place is estimated at nearly $63 million. METRO VANCOUVER

‘It’s been a fantastic icon for the city’

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Vancouver residents may want to haul out their cameras and head to False Creek this weekend because the city’s skyline is about to change forever.

The white pincushion-like dome that has sat above B.C. Place for the past 27 years will be deflated at 10 a.m. Monday, following a small button-pushing ceremony.

It is among the first steps in a $563-million renovation that will see the world’s largest air-supported dome replaced with a retractable roof by the end of next summer.

“It’s been a fantastic icon for the city of Vancouver,” said B.C. Place general manager Howard Crosley.

“The new skyline will be fantastic as well. It’ll change but still be a great view.”

The 60,000-seat stadium, which was completed in 1983 for $126 million, has borne witness to a host of major events over the past three decades.

The dome has hung with the likes of Queen Elizabeth II, Pope John Paul II, Michael Jackson and Mick Jagger. It celebrated Rick Hansen’s return to Vancouver after a grueling two-and-a-half year wheelchair journey around the planet.

It also has hovered over a SoccerBowl, an exhibition NFL match and seven Grey Cups. And it kept dry the opening of Expo 86 and the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

It has also been an iconic landmark in the city and is a staple photo for tourists and postcards.

Its deflation on Monday is dependent on weather, Crosley said, as heavy rain would transform the four-hectare Teflon roof into a gigantic catch basin. It should take about 30 minutes to lower the roof in a controlled fashion, though he admitted it could be lowered “as fast as you want” by opening all the doors.

The Teflon roof (part of which blew out in January 2007, precipitating an extremely fast deflation) will be recycled into tarps, shelters and possibly even handbags.

Crosley, who has worked at B.C. Place for the past 12 years, said his favourite memories under the dome include the 2005 Grey Cup and the Olympic opening and closing ceremonies.

“It was absolutely spectacular to see that happen in B.C. Place.”

KIM STALLKNECHT/GETTY IMAGES

B.C. Place as seen on January 31, 2009.

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Michael Jackson performs with his brothers at one of three Vancouver shows held at B.C. Place in November 1984.

Timeline of events

- June 19, 1983: A brand-spanking-new B.C. Place opens.
- May 2, 1986: Prince Charles and Princess Diana open Expo 86.
- Jan. 5, 2007: A large Teflon panel on the south side of the dome blows out, quickly deflating the roof.
- Feb. 12, 2010: The opening ceremonies of the 2010 Games.
- June-July 2011: Completion of the new retractable roof on B.C. Place.
- November 2011: B.C. Place hosts the Grey Cup.

Reliving memories of defining moments under B.C. Place dome

1. The first sporting event, Whitecaps-Sounders:

A packed house of almost 60,000 people turned out in June of 1983 to watch the NASL Vancouver Whitecaps take on the Seattle Sounders in the brand-spanking-new B.C. Place.

Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi, who was among the players on the pitch that day, said while some people were there to cheer on the ‘Caps, others were there only to check out the new stadium.

“Coming out and seeing 60,000 people in the building was certainly a great experience,” Lenarduzzi said.

BCTV televised the match and Lenarduzzi remembers being interviewed about what it was like to play in the dome in front of a sell-out crowd.

“I remember my response,” Lenarduzzi said. “If someone had told me, as a teenager, that we would be playing in a domed stadium in downtown Vancouver in front of 60,000 people, I would have said they needed to be taken away in a straightjacket ... It really was something special.”

2. Pope John Paul II, a Celebration of Life:

The first major event held under the dome at B.C. Place was the visit by Pope John Paul II in September 1984.

Monsignor Gregory Smith, pastor of Christ the Redeemer Parish in West Vancouver, said the cheer the pope received when he came into the stadium in a pickup truck “just about lifted off the roof ... Honestly, I swear it lifted a few inches.”

Smith, then 28, was a seminary student in Rome but had returned to B.C. for the summer to work as an aide to Archbishop James Carney.

Smith was in charge of the archbishop’s speech that day and was on a helicopter, with then-premier Bill Bennett and Lt.-Gov. Robert Rogers, that was late getting to Vancouver from Abbotsford.

The pilot, who wanted to get a better view of the pope in Abbotsford, had wandered outside the security perimeter and lacked the clearance to get back.

When they finally arrived in Vancouver, it was too late for the lieutenant-governor to give his speech.

“I was as strung out as I had ever been and yet it all melted away when the pope came into the stadium.”

The pope, Smith said, was seated on a swivel chair on the stage. There were costumed dancers and singers, banners and streamers. Smith called it a choreographed celebration of joy and welcome.

“It was like a small-scale version of the Olympic opening — there were no inflatables.”

CAMERON SPENCER/GETTY IMAGES

Rick Hansen takes part in the torch relay during the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics at B.C. Place on Feb. 12.

3. Rick Hansen, Man in Motion and Olympic and Paralympic opening ceremonies:

Three times — so far — Man in Motion Rick Hansen has wheeled his way onto a stage under the dome to thunderous applause.

And all three times, Hansen said, he has been blown away by the energy and support.

“The enthusiasm was palpable,” said Hansen of the March 1987 homecoming celebration at B.C. Place that concluded his 40,000-kilometre Man in Motion Tour.

Fans held up signs and large letters that spelled Welcome Home Rick. David Foster and British musician John Parr performed St. Elmo’s Fire (Man in Motion), which was written by Foster in Hansen’s honour.

“It really was all that I ever could have imagined the tour being, coming to life,” he said. “The dream and reality were the same.“

This past spring — 25 years later — Hansen again rolled onto a stage at B.C. Place as an Olympic torchbearer and cauldron lighter in the most spectacular event ever held under the dome.

“It was clear how much joy and enthusiasm there was in the crowd and how clear and easy it was for me to express that joy ... We welcomed the world.”

One month later, Hansen was back as a speaker during the Paralympic opening ceremonies and said the look on the faces of the athletes was a phenomenal experience.

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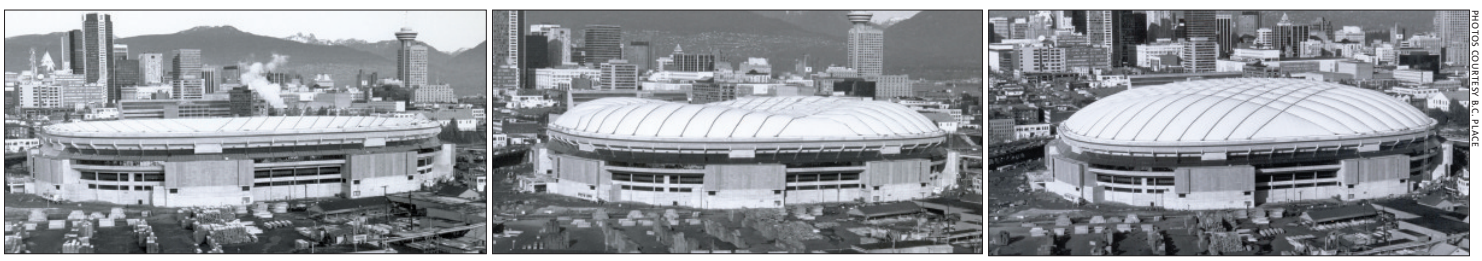
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The world’s largest air-supported dome is inflated above B.C. Place in 1983.

Quebec doctors and medical students fight plan to charge patients for visits

Quebec doctors and medical students have formed a coalition to oppose the provincial government's proposal to charge a $25 fee for doctor visits. The coalition, which says it represents about 75 per cent of the province's doctors, worries the fee will make health care less accessible — especially for the chronically ill and the poor. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Take a bow, Carney

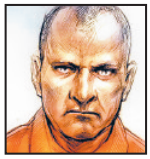
Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney has been named the 21st most influential person by Time magazine. "Central bankers aren't often young, good-looking and charming, but Mark Carney is all three — not to mention wicked smart," the magazine says in its latest edition. Carney has been widely credited for helping Canada weather the recession. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two murder charges — and now lingerie?

More woe for ex-military man

A former Canadian military commander facing murder and sexual assault charges was hit with 82 new break-and-enter charges Thursday — with some of the burglaries reportedly involving lingerie.

Col. Russell Williams led one of the country's top airbases — CFB Trenton — before he was charged in February with first-degree murder in the deaths of two women and the sexual assaults of two others.



Col. Russell Williams

The commander's arrest shook the military.

On Thursday, just hours before Williams made a brief court appearance, provincial police said a review of unsolved crimes in eastern Ontario had resulted in the 82 new charges.

Forty-six of those involve break-ins in Tweed, the eastern Ontario community where Williams lived after taking command of the sprawling airbase in July 2009.

Another 34 fall under the jurisdiction of Ottawa, where Williams shared a house with his wife.

The remaining two charges relate to suspected break-ins in Belleville, Ont., also near the base.

Williams, 47, was arrested and charged in February with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Cpl. Marie-France Comeau of Brighton, Ont., and Jessica Lloyd, 27, of Belleville.

Word of the new charges rattled communities barely past the initial shock of the murder charges.

Terra Dafoe, a friend of Lloyd, said she had expected there would be more charges, but never expected so many.

"Eighty-two is just absolutely ridiculous," she said from Toronto.

Bonnie Jones, a neighbour of Williams in Tweed, said she didn't know what to make of the development.

"You just kind of get settled down and everything gets stirred up again.".

Her husband, Larry, was initially considered a suspect in the sexual assaults near their home.

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Exhibit **Paying homage to a jazz icon**

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Erin Davis, son of the late Miles Davis, poses in front of a photograph of his father at the preview of the We Want Miles: Miles Davis vs. Jazz exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday. The exhibit, which runs until Aug. 29, is a multimedia retrospective that traces the life and career of the jazz musical icon.

Jaffer move irked feds

ALLEGATIONS Federal bureaucrats bristled at being pressured by Tory staff to meet with Rahim Jaffer and quickly review one of his business proposals, documents show.

The exchanges of e-mails by civil servants were among documents tabled with a Commons committee .

MPs are scrutinizing allegedly illegal lobbying by Jaffer, husband of recently-turfed cabinet minister Helena Guergis.

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Tories defend appointment of judge who once represented the Hells Angels.

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Tories to tone down cheques

OTTAWA The federal government says it's ready to bar the use of ceremonial cheques decked out in partisan slogans or colours. Treasury Board president Stockwell Day said he is working on changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada Border Services Agency has quietly introduced computerized customs clearances at Vancouver International Airport. It's called automated border clearance — travellers returning to Canada swipe their passports or identification, feed in their customs declarations and go through. THE CANADIAN PRESS

She's seeing double – happily

When Andree Marion moves one hand, the other automatically mimics the motion.

If she wriggles the toes on one foot, the toes on her other move too.

Marion has a condition called congenital mirror movements, an extremely rare disorder in which the brain sends mixed signals to the muscles.

And now, she and other family members also afflicted with these completely involuntary actions know why.

Montreal researchers have discovered the gene that causes the disorder, and they believe it will help them understand more about how the brain develops and how it works.

> **"I'm the kind of person who talks with two hands."**
> Andree Marion

"At first it was kind of surprising because I had that all my life, so I didn't think it was such a big deal," she said Thursday from St-Sauveur, Que.

"Maybe because when I'm talking I'm the kind of person who talks with two hands, so maybe that's why nobody noticed."

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Andree Marion, who has a rare condition that causes one hand to mimic the actions of the other, is seen in her home Thursday.

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Phillion gets a brand new life ... on his 71st birthday

COURTS A man who spent nearly 32 years behind bars for a murder he says he did not commit wept in court Thursday as the Crown officially withdrew the charges against him and the judge issued an apology.

> **"It's a special day for me."**
> Romeo Phillion

Romeo Phillion was convicted of second-degree murder based on a confession he gave police decades ago in connection with the death of firefighter Leopold Roy.

After years of proclaiming his innocence, the Crown officially withdrew the charges on Phillion's 71st birthday.

"It's a special day for me — my birthday. It's the best birthday I ever got," Phillion told CTV Ottawa on Thursday.

"I had an apology from the judge, which I waited 38 years for. And my life will be positive from now on."

But the legal battle is not over for Phillion. He will continue to fight for a new trial to officially clear his name. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada offers U.S. a 'bridging' loan

BORDER The federal government is offering to lend Michigan more than half a billion dollars to speed up construction of a second bridge in the busiest trade corridor between Canada and the United States.

In a letter to Michigan's governor Thursday, Transport Minister John Baird said environmental assessments have cleared necessary hurdles in both countries.

He said it's time to start the $5.3-billion Windsor-Detroit link, which is now before state legislators in Lansing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Harper announces plans for global-security research centre

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Ottawa will finance a new centre for examining global security, based at the University of Toronto. In a speech to business leaders from G20 countries, Harper said the Centre for Global Security Studies should help world powers better understand conflict, terrorism and cyber security. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Afghan papers talks off to decent start

The Harper government and opposition plan to meet again Monday to resolve the high-stakes dispute over access to uncensored Afghanistan detainee documents.

That gives MPs from all parties the weekend to discuss how to move forward following a historic ruling by the Speaker of the House of Commons that Parliament has an absolute right to see all documents.

Peter Milliken gave all sides two weeks to work out a deal that allows access to the documents while protecting national security.

Milliken's ruling put MPs under the gun to find a way to avoid a parliamentary showdown, a court battle or even an election.

There appeared to be progress Thursday when MPs met for the first time about the long-running dispute.

Liberal MP Ralph Goodale said all parties showed a spirit of willingness to reach an agreement and there was no confrontation.

"The better approach is to have all of us working at this together around that table."
Liberal MP
Ralph Goodale

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"Insofar as the first meeting goes, that was the style of the meeting and the style of conversation. It was not, at this stage, confrontational."

Harper's communications director, Dimitri Soudas, called it a "productive first meeting."

He said Conservative House Leader Jay Hill and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson walked into the meeting "with a spirit of openness in order to reach a compromise while respecting the government's legal obligations."

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has floated the idea of changing the mandate of former Supreme Court justice Frank Iacobucci. Earlier this year, the Conservative government appointed Iacobucci to determine which documents can be safely disclosed without damaging national security.

Ignatieff suggested the retired judge could be reassigned to work for Parliament rather than for the government. But the Bloc Québécois and NDP aren't keen on going this route.

Another idea is to strike a special panel of security-cleared MPs and senators to look at the paperwork, estimated to be tens of thousands of pages.

Those on the committee would swear an oath of secrecy about classified information they see.

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Toronto **The roof is on fire**

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

A fire at a downtown condominium tower in Toronto creates a huge cloud of black smoke near the city's waterfront late Thursday afternoon. More than a dozen firefighters managed to contain the blaze on the roof of the building. Paramedics transported two adults with minor injuries to hospital.

News in brief

LAW A federal judge has ordered Canada's prison service to disclose the personal files of a teen inmate who killed herself. Federal Court Justice Michael Kelen says the Correctional Service of Canada broke the law by failing to release Ashley Smith's records while she was still alive. Smith was 19 when she choked herself to death with a strip of cloth at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., in October 2007. Earlier that year she had requested access to her personal prison records and authorized their release to the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies.

HELP? A new poll suggests most Canadians would take matters into their own hands rather than hire someone to help with minor repairs or maintenance around the house. The Canadian Press-Harris Decima survey found that 61 per cent of respondents would do their own fix-it projects, while 24 per cent said they would hire someone. Seniors were more inclined to seek help with home repairs and maintenance. The survey found 43 per cent of those aged 65 and up would hire someone else.

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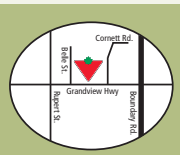

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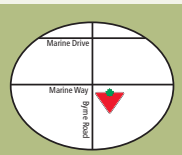

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Compensation for Kuwait victims
A United Nations panel has approved $590 million US in compensation payments for victims of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Oil reaches Gulf Coast

Spill much worse than originally thought

An oil spill that threatened to eclipse even the Exxon Valdez disaster spread out of control and started washing ashore along the U.S. Gulf Coast Thursday night as fishermen rushed to scoop up shrimp and crews spread floating barriers around marshes.

The spill was bigger than imagined — five times more than first estimated — and closer. Fingers of oily sheen were reaching the Mississippi River delta, lapping the Louisiana shoreline in long, thin lines.

"It is of grave concern," David Kennedy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told The Associated Press. "I am frightened. This is a very, very big thing. And the efforts that are going to be required to do anything about it, especially if it continues on, are just mind-boggling."

The oil slick could become the nation's worst environmental disaster in decades, threatening hundreds of species of fish, birds and other wildlife along the Gulf Coast, one of the world's richest seafood grounds, teeming with shrimp, oysters and other marine life. Oil was thickening in waters south and east of the Mississippi delta about five miles offshore.

The leak from the ocean floor proved to be far bigger than initially reported, contributing to a growing sense among many in Louisiana that the government failed them again, as it did during Hurricane Katrina. President Barack Obama dispatched cabinet officials to deal with the crisis.

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Disaster could affect drilling plans

- The Obama administration says the massive oil spill in the Gulf Coast will be considered in a planned expansion of offshore drilling and will become part of the debate on climate change in the U.S. Congress. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Thursday that the cause of the oil rig explosion, still not determined, could affect what areas would open for future drilling.

Lebanon **Looks of horror**

MOHAMMED ZATARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lebanese women react at the hanging body of Egyptian Mohammed Msallem after he was stabbed to death Thursday. Officials say angry villagers stabbed the man to death and hung his body on a pole over his alleged murder of four people from the same family.

Another knife attack in China

RAMPAGE A knife-wielding man slashed 28 children, two teachers and a security guard Thursday in the second such school attack in China in two days.

The attack left five students hospitalized in the eastern city of Taixing, said a local official. The official Xinhua News Agency identified the attacker as Xu Yuyuan, a 47-year-old unemployed man.

A witness said people outside heard screams coming from the building and rushed inside.

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MS patient freed on bail

DRUGS A multiple sclerosis patient slapped with a five-year prison sentence for growing marijuana, which he said was for medical purposes, says he'll just say no to the drug until it becomes legal in New Jersey this summer.

John Wilson was freed from Southern State Prison on bail Thursday. Earlier this week, a court ruled he could be released while he appeals his conviction.

As he left the prison, the man was more concerned with getting a shave and a haircut than he was with getting marijuana.

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Charges could be laid against rowdy Ukrainian lawmakers

PROTEST Ukrainian prosecutors said Thursday they are considering filing charges against parliament members who hurled eggs and set off smoke bombs in the chamber as lawmakers ratified a controversial agreement with Russia.

The parliament speaker was bombarded with eggs and deputies brawled Tuesday before a vote ratifying an agreement to extend the Russian navy's lease of a Ukrainian port by 25 years.

Kyiv city prosecutors said Thursday that those who caused the disorder could face charges of hooliganism, which carry a sentence of up to four years in jail.

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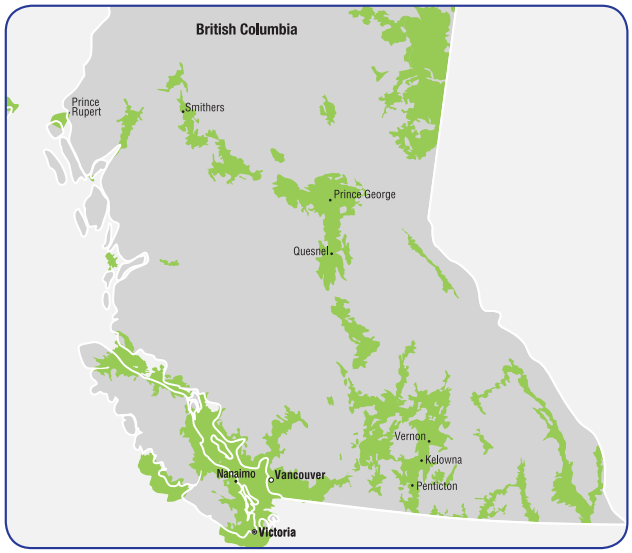

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Belgium moves to ban burqas

Belgium's lower house of parliament on Thursday banned burqa-type Islamic dress in public, but the measure faces a challenge in the Senate which will delay early enactment of the law.

Christian Democrats and Liberals in the Senate questioned the phrasing of the law, which holds no one can appear in public "with the face fully or partly covered so as to render them no longer recognizable."

Following the fall of Premier Yves Leterme's government April 22, Belgium faces early elections that may delay passage of the burqa ban — Europe's first — by several months. Both houses of parliament must approve the bill.

Approval in the lower house was almost unanimous.

Like elsewhere in Europe, Belgium struggles with anxieties that visible signs of Islam erode national identity and that women in traditional conservative Islamic dress, such as the burqa, the chador and the niqab, signal a refusal to assimilate in western society.

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Prague **A mother's love**

DAVID JOSEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western lowland gorilla Kijivu holds her infant at the Prague zoo, Czech Republic, on Thursday. Kijivu gave birth to her third infant last Saturday morning.

Navy lifts ban on female submariners

MILITARY The first U.S. women allowed to serve aboard submarines will be reporting for duty by 2012, the Navy said Thursday as the military ordered an end to one of its few remaining gender barriers.

The cramped quarters and scant privacy aboard submarines, combined with long tours of up to 90 days at sea, kept them off-limits to female sailors for 16 years after the Navy began allowing women to serve on all its surface ships in 1994. There were no objections from Congress after Defence Secretary Robert Gates notified lawmakers in mid-February that the Navy intended to lift the ban.

Women are currently allowed to serve on subs in Canada. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

MEXICO Two native women freed by Mexico's Supreme Court for lack of evidence after spending almost four years in prison on kidnapping charges demanded a public apology Thursday. Otomi Indians Alberta Alcantara Juan and Teresa Gonzalez Cornelio said the least officials can do is acknowledge their mistake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Judge pleads guilty to racketeering charge

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Arizona immigrant law illegal: Critics

UPROAR An Arizona police officer and a Latino group filed the first legal challenges of Arizona's sweeping new law cracking down on illegal immigration Thursday.

Fifteen-year Tucson police veteran Martin Escobar argues there's no way for officers to confirm people's immigration status without impeding investigations.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Tucson, alleges the new immigration law violates numerous constitutional rights and could hinder police investigations in Hispanic-prevalent areas.

A Latino Clergy group also sued Thursday in federal court in Phoenix. The National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders will seek an injunction preventing authorities from enforcing the law.

The group argues federal law pre-empts state regulation of national borders, and that Arizona's law violates due process rights by letting police detain suspected illegal immigrants before they're convicted.

Signed last week by Gov. Jan Brewer, the law requires local and state law enforcement to question people about their immigration status if there's reason to suspect they're in the country illegally.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has said the federal government may challenge the law, and more groups are planning lawsuits.

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Brown goes for broke

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown went for broke in the final TV debate on the economy Thursday, drawing on his vast treasury experience and banking on a political miracle after an embarrassing campaign gaffe.

Slumped in the polls, Brown wasted no time in his last-ditch performance before the May 6 election — using his opening remarks to neutralize Wednesday's gaffe with a smart quip.

Brown had forgotten to turn off his microphone Wednesday after a Labour voter asked about an influx of Eastern European immigrants. After the conversation ended, Brown was heard muttering "bigoted woman" and blaming aides.

"There is a lot to this job, and as you saw yesterday — I don't get all of it right," Brown said, referring to his gaffe. "But I do know how to run the economy in good times and in bad."

The first-ever U.S.-styled debates have spurred an unexpected transformation in Britain's politics and shaped the election, one of the closest in decades.

Months ago, the Conservatives' David Cameron was favoured as the winner, but he was eclipsed after the first domestic debate when Nick Clegg, leader of the perennially third-placed Liberal Democrats, stole the show, while Brown trailed in third. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Prime Minister Gordon Brown, right, Conservative leader David Cameron, left, and Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg shake hands Thursday after their third televised debate.

News in brief

COLLAPSE One miner was dead and rescuers were unable to contact another who was missing after a roof collapsed in a large underground coal mine in Kentucky that had a history of safety violations, officials said. United Mine Workers officials say two other miners escaped.

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Numbers don't add up

Children get shortchanged as school board plans cuts

UrbanCompass

The Vancouver School Board has come up with a novel way of dealing with an $18-million shortfall:

Less school.

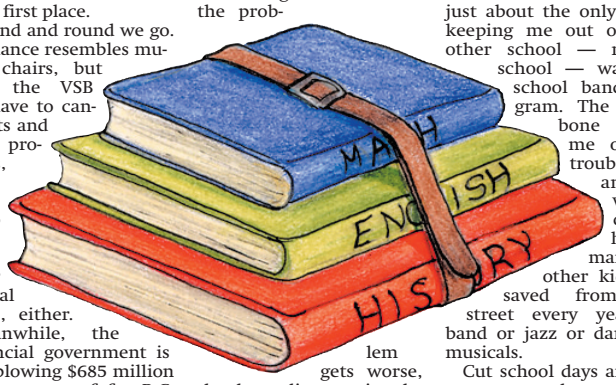
Not just a little bit less school — 10 whole days less. One more week of spring break! More long weekends!

If school kids could vote, these guys could count on long and successful political careers.

Of course, it will only save $1 million. There's still $17 million to go, so by the time the VSB is finished, kids will be in school 10 days of the year and will get the rest off. Of course, teachers will still be paid their full salaries.

That's not really acceptable, if only because schools are really daycares in disguise and if they close the schools, there is no fallback. Parents don't have time to look after the diminished number of kids they still have because both of them are working in order to afford the kids in the first place.

Round and round we go. This dance resembles musical chairs, but since the VSB will have to cancel arts and music programs, there will be no dancing … or musical chairs, either.



Meanwhile, the provincial government is busy plowing $685 million into a new roof for B.C. Place. After all, now that the kids won't be in school they'll have more time for bread and circuses.

The province maintains it's not to blame, as funding to the VSB actually increases this year, by half a million to $443 million. So it's nobody's fault, as usual. And the kids get shortchanged, as usual.

Year after year, we have this stupid debate. Year after year, public school enrolment goes down and the problem gets worse, thanks to discouraging demographics and the increasingly attractive private school option. Somehow, private schools are able to stay open for the same number of days each year, reliably offering the same number of programs despite being challenged by the same economy. How is that?

Call me sentimental, but I think school is important, especially because I don't have to go any more. But I do remember that just about the only thing keeping me out of that other school — reform school — was the school band program. The trombone kept me out of trouble, and I wonder how many other kids are saved from the street every year by band or jazz or dance or musicals.

Cut school days and cut programs and you cut futures as sure as 1, 2, 3, A, B, C. When will we ever learn?

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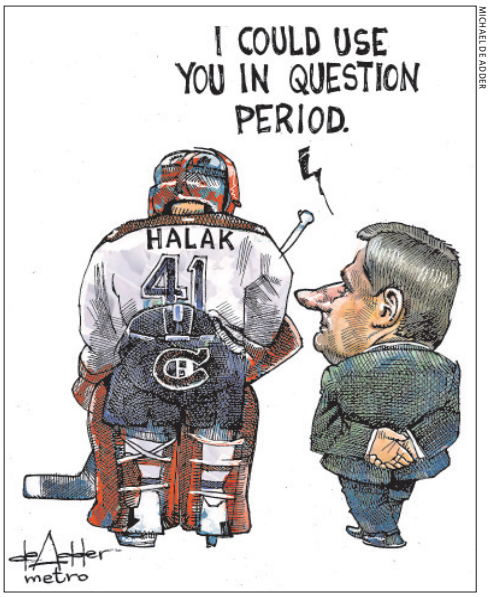

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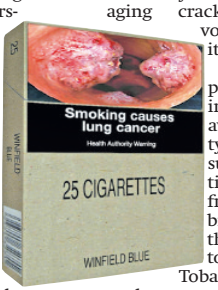
Worth mentioning

Australia to snuff out flashy smoke packages

Tobacco companies would be forced to use plain, logo-free packaging on their cigarettes in a bid to make them less attractive to smokers under legislation introduced Thursday by Australia's government, which dubbed the move a world-first.



The rules, which would take effect July 1, 2012, would ban tobacco companies from including logos, promotional text or colorful images on cigarette packages. A government health warning would be prominently displayed instead, with the brand name relegated to tiny, generic font at the bottom.

"The new branding for cigarettes will be the most hardline regime in the world and cigarette companies will hate it," Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said.

The government also announced it would increase the cigarette tax by 25 per cent, driving up the price of a pack of 30 cigarettes by about 2 Australian dollars and 16 cents ($2 US).

Tobacco companies immediately blasted the packaging crackdown, and vowed to fight it in court.

"Introducing plain packaging just takes away the ability of a consumer to identify our brand from another brand and that's of value to us," Imperial Tobacco Australia spokeswoman Cathie Keogh told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio, adding the company plans to take legal action.

Retailers said the tax hike would hurt their businesses and bolster the cigarette black market.

"It's a lazy policy response being pushed by some health advocates," Mick Daly, national chairman of Australian supermarket chain IGA, said.

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Worth mentioning

Name change can influence your career

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Attention brides: Trading the Miss for Mrs. may be romantic, but think twice before taking your husband's name. It will harm your career, warn researchers.

According to a study, published in the current issue of Basic and Applied Social Psychology, women using their husbands' last names are also judged as more dependent and less ambitious than women who keep their maiden name — but are also seen as more kind and caring.

More alarmingly, members of the Mrs. League earn approximately $1,500 less per month.

"But it's very difficult to explain the income gap," said researcher Dr. Marret Noordewier. "It can also be that women who take their husbands' names earn less money because they're different anyway."

"More alarmingly, members of the Mrs. League earn approximately $1,500 less per month."

What about Angela Krasner? Though divorced and remarried, the German chancellor uses her first husband's name, Merkel. And after a brief post-wedding attempt at remaining Hillary Rodham, Hillary is now known as Mrs. Clinton.

Women with less stature using their husbands' last names don't fare as well. According to psychologists at the Tilburg Institute for Behavioral Economics Research in the Netherlands, women who take their husband's name, or use hyphenated names, are seen as less intelligent and less competent than women who keep their maiden name.

"Changing your name isn't always negative," Noordewier said.

"But if people have limited information about you, this is how they'll judge you."

Armed with these findings, Noordewier's team surveyed Dutch university students' attitudes to name change and received a surprise: 81 per cent of male students wanted their future wives to change their names — and 83 per cent of female students planned to do so.

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Women continue to make business gains

Women are making greater inroads in non-traditional occupations and fields of study, says a new study released Thursday by Statistics Canada on women in the workforce.

In the 10-year period from 1996 to 2006, women went from a minority to a majority in a number of fields, including human resources, as administrative services managers, machine operators in textiles, as managers in art, culture, recreation and sport, and in insurance and real estate sales.

Gains were also made in some occupations considered non-traditional for women. For instance, the category for police and firefighters was 15 per cent female in 2006, up from 10 per cent a decade earlier, the report said.

"Certainly one of the major drivers, I think, has been the rising educational attainment of women, and changes in their fields of study at the university level," Kathryn McMullen, co-author of the study, said from Ottawa.

"In 2007 ... 60 per cent of graduates from medicine ... were women, compared to 43 per cent in 1992."
Kathryn McMullen, Statistics Canada

"Beyond that, too, I think there's been strong efforts in some fields, and I am thinking specifically now of police officers and firefighters, to actively recruit women into those occupations."

Architecture, sales and the physical sciences are other areas in which women are increasingly being represented.

Just 17 per cent of architects, urban planners and land surveyors were women in 1996, but that rose to 25 per cent a decade later.

The female share of employment as sales, marketing and advertising managers rose from 25 per cent to 34 per cent in the same period, and grew from 24 per cent to 31 per cent for physical science professionals.

"We know that women traditionally have been often in the retail sector, but now we see that they're moving to the managerial level within that sector," McMullen said.

The health-care field is another area where change is occurring. "If we look at the post-secondary level in recent graduates, for example in 2007 ... 60 per cent of graduates from medicine — MDs, so largely family practitioners — were women compared to 43 per cent in 1992," McMullen said.

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Steve Snyder, right, President & CEO of TransAlta, chats with company Chair Donna Soble Kaufman during the company's annual general meeting in Calgary Thursday.

Too early to raise interest rates: CIBC

ECONOMY CIBC is casting doubts on the Bank of Canada's analysis of the country's economic performance, suggesting it may be overestimating the potential threat from inflation and is too ready to begin raising interest rates — particularly since the dollar is high.

Last week, central bank governor Mark Carney sent a strong signal to the markets that he is preparing to raise interest rates, possibly as early as the next announcement date of June 1.

In a separate report, CIBC economist Peter Buchanan says that Canada's corporate sector may be in a strong position to withstand higher rates but remains at risk from a stronger dollar.

The Bank of Canada has sent mixed signals recently about exactly when it will begin raising its policy rate, currently at an all-time low of 0.25 per cent. Observers have debated whether the increase will come in June or July and whether it will be an increase of a quarter-point or more.

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High loonie squeezes Ballard

ENERGY Fuel cell developer Ballard Power Systems Inc. says international interest in its hydrogen products pushed first quarter sales higher, but profit margins were squeezed by a $1.5-million hit from exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations.

The Vancouver-based company reported Thursday it cut its net loss nearly in half in the latest quarter as orders and sales picked up and its fuel cells continued to gain acceptance as a clean power-generation product.

Ballard's first-quarter loss narrowed to $10 million US, or 12 cents per share, compared with a loss of $19.1 million, or 23 cents per share, in the first quarter of 2009. Quarterly revenue rose to $11.9 million from $8.1 million.

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Greek crisis could slow recovery

ECONOMY The Greek crisis has the potential to derail the global recovery and hurt Canada's economy, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says.

The central bank governor called the sovereign debt crisis in Greece and other southern European countries a "serious situation" for both the world and Canada.

Testifying before the Senate banking committee Thursday, Carney said Greece's problems could spill over and cause a slowdown in the global economy as markets demand governments rein in their deficits.

In Canada, that would result in higher interest rates.

A global slowdown would also cut demand for many of Canada's resources exports to Europe and other parts of the world.

"The net result of this would be negative for growth in Canada," he said.

Carney said June's upcoming G20 meeting in Toronto will be critical in dealing with the problem, saying the key will be persuading emerging markets like China to boost its domestic demand.

That would increase demand for resources and goods produced in Canada and other countries and help offset a drop in demand from Europe.

On Thursday, European and German officials assured markets they were working quickly on approving a bailout for Greece as they tried to keep the country's debt crisis from dragging others into a continent-wide financial meltdown.

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Oilsands production costs increasing

ENERGY The head of Imperial Oil says increasing activity in the oilsands is threatening to bring with it a return to higher costs.

Speaking to reporters at the company's annual meeting in Calgary, CEO Bruce March says costs for oilsands developers have stopped dropping and are now starting to firm up.

He says the biggest difference so far is in bulk materials like steel — increasingly in demand as a result of improvements in the global economy.

Meanwhile, March says Imperial's $8-billion Kearl oilsands project is 25 per cent complete and is targeted to start up in the fourth quarter 2012.

The mining operation will eventually produce 300,000 barrels of bitumen a day.

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Capital lends a hand

After his team's wheels came off in the NHL playoffs, Washington Capitals forward Brooks Laich helped a stranded motorist by changing her car's flat tire. Driving following Washington's 2-1 home loss to the Montreal Canadiens, Laich pulled over when he saw the stopped car and got out to lend a hand, the Washington Post's website reported Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Evans top NBA rookie

Sacramento point guard Tyreke Evans, left, beat out Golden State's Stephen Curry and Milwaukee's Brandon Jennings to win the NBA Rookie of the Year award. Evans received the honour Thursday after becoming the fourth rookie ever to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists per game. He joined an illustrious club that includes Oscar Robertson, Michael Jordan and LeBron James. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

GOLF Tiger Woods will need to keep his shots out of the water if he hopes to contend at the Quail Hollow Championship. Woods put drives in the water off the 17th and 18th tees and finished with a 2-over 74 on Thursday at Quail Hollow Club. That left him nine shots behind leader Bo Van Pelt, another early starter in with a 65.

TENNIS Rafael Nadal improved his record at the Rome Masters to 24-1 with a methodical 6-3, 6-2 win Thursday against 39th-ranked Victor Hanescu. He will face Stanislas Wawrinka, the 2008 runner-up, who took out Robin Soderling 6-3, 6-2.

BASEBALL John Buck took some extra batting practice before Thursday's game and it showed against the Oakland Athletics. Buck became the first catcher in six years to hit three home runs in a game and Travis Snider added a solo shot as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Oakland Athletics 6-3.

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Sharks win opener

(San Jose leads series 1-0)

Red Wings 3 Sharks 4

Joe Pavelski picked up where he left off in the first round by scoring two goals to lead the San Jose Sharks to a 4-3 victory Thursday night over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 1 of the second-round Western Conference series.

Pavelski scored in the first period to start a three-goal outburst in 1:19 with Dany Heatley and Devin Setoguchi. Pavelski added his seventh goal of the post-season on a two-man advantage in the opening minute of the third period to help the Sharks end a string of four straight home losses in series openers.

Dan Cleary, Johan Franzen and Brian Rafalski scored for the Red Wings, who opened this series less than 48 hours after winning Game 7 in the first round at Phoenix. There will be two days off before Game 2 on Sunday night in San Jose.

Dan Boyle added three assists, and Evgeni Nabokov made 20 saves for San Jose.

After breaking out to a 3-0 lead, the Sharks entered the third period ahead by only one goal. But with Johan Franzen and Valtteri Filppula in the penalty box to open the third, Pavelski made it 4-2 when he beat Jimmy Howard with a shot from the side of the net 50 seconds into the period.

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San Jose Sharks left wing Dany Heatley, upper left, celebrates after scoring against Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard on Thursday during Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

Spurs send Mavericks to another early exit

NBA The Spurs moved on, and Dallas is done early again.

Manu Ginobili scored 26 points and San Antonio survived blowing a 22-point lead to beat the Mavericks 97-87 in Game 6 on Thursday night, handing Dirk Nowitzki and second-seeded Dallas another first-round exit.

The Spurs got payback after the Mavs eliminated them a year ago, and will play either Phoenix or Portland in the Western Conference semifinals.

"For us there was no tomorrow," Ginobili said after the Spurs finished off the Mavs in front of a raucous home crowd and avoided going back to Dallas for a Game 7.

Nowitzki nearly carried the Mavs to an unbelievable comeback, getting 25 of his 33 points in a remarkable second half. But the Mavs still stumbled to their third first-round exit in the last four years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Luongo expects to bump into old foe

NHL There's a good chance Roberto Luongo will bump into an old acquaintance when the Vancouver Canucks face the Chicago Blackhawks.

Chicago's decision to return massive Dustin Byfuglien to forward from defence means the Canuck goaltender will be seeing a lot more of his old nemesis when the teams tangle in the NHL Western Conference semifinal.

For Luongo, dealing with Byfuglien is like a trip to the dentist. It can be frustrating, even painful, but something that can't be avoided.

"He's going to be in front of my net and it's my job to fight through his presence and find the puck and make saves," Luongo said Thursday before the Canucks boarded a plane for Chicago.

"That's the way playoff hockey is played. I had two guys in front of me during the L.A. series. I just have to deal with that stuff."

The best-of-seven series opens Saturday at the United Center. The second game will be Monday in Chicago, then the series returns to Vancouver for matches Wednesday and Friday.

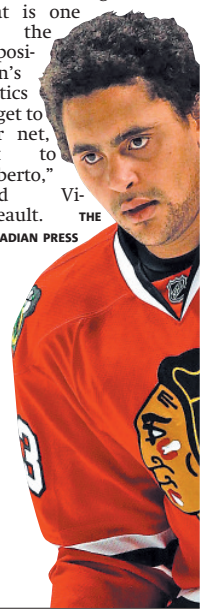
Byfuglien, a six-foot-four, 257-pound behemoth, parked himself in front of the crease and cast a shadow over Luongo when Chicago defeated Vancouver in six games during last year's conference semifinal. He scored two goals and spent a lot of time in Luongo's mask.

The heavy traffic resulted in collisions and heated words. Several times Luongo found himself buried under many bodies.

Byfuglien won't be the only Chicago wide body crashing the Canucks' net. Playing on the top line with Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane will be six-foot-four, 223-pound Bryan Bickell.

Canuck coach Alain Vigneault hopes the referees keep an eye on the fine line between screening a goaltender and knocking him down.

"Against our team, with Roberto in goal, that is one of the opposition's tactics to get to our net, get to Roberto," said Vigneault. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Robert Downey Jr. straps in for another ride as Iron Man, a.k.a. Tony Stark, in the blockbuster sequel Iron Man 2.

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Behind Iron mask

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Thanks to the Eyjafjallajokull volcano in Iceland, which grounded flights around Europe, Robert Downey Jr. finds himself in California to promote Iron Man 2 instead of London, where the movie's junket was supposed to take place.

But the actor refuses to feel too inconvenienced.

"I love the idea of someone taking the volcano personally," he tells Metro. "I know that would be a very Hollywood actor ego thing to do. But I didn't. I'm too psychologically well, I'm afraid."

Psychologically well is a state the star has been enjoying lately, as his career resurgence that took off with the first Iron Man continues unabated.

His time on the outs with Hollywood, after a lengthy and well-publicized battle with addiction and multiple arrests, appears to be behind him, and as successful as he's been, Downey tries to keep things in perspective.

"I'm dressed up for a press junket about a superhero. It's a cosmic joke," he says. "I think it's funny. It's very lucrative — as funny as lucrative things get."

Still, as funny as Downey may find it, he takes his work seriously, turning in standout performances in everything he's headlined since his resurgence.

"I really know what I'm doing. I think I've demonstrated that," he says. And with two major franchises — Iron Man and Sherlock Holmes — under his care, Downey insists that size matters.

"I can get excited about anything — this microphone, for example. If it's novel and feels good and becomes creatively sticky, I power through it," he says. "I just really need a big box to play in, or I'm not happy."

Iron Man 2 opens next Friday

The latest Iron Man chapter gave Downey a chance to share that big box with another Hollywood comeback story in Mickey Rourke, who steps in as villain Whiplash.

"He has a lot of power. He is a very emotive guy who's lived a lot of life," Another new face in the cast this time around is Scarlett Johansson, as Tony Stark's mysterious new assistant.

Though a love triangle between their characters and Gwyneth Paltrow's Pepper Potts may have seemed a natural choice, Downey insists it would've been a mistake.

"When we started working together, because it's new, people were all saying, 'You have so much chemistry,'" he says. "First of all, it's not age-appropriate. Secondly, Tony's love interest is Pepper. Third, she's not there for that, she's there to misdirect the story. She's more a family member you don't know yet."

Robert Downey Jr.'s dons the superhero suit again for Iron Man 2.

Movie feature

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Gunless as flat as Prairies

Gunless

Director: William Phillips
Stars: Paul Gross, Sienna Guillory
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW There's one thing you have to say about what is perhaps this country's very first theatrically-released contemporary comic western – it doesn't take itself seriously.

On the other hand, Gunless isn't entirely hilarious either which leaves the film a bit in the lurch. Instead, this Paul Gross-vehicle is one movie that sputters and stalls.

I reckon there's too much dust in the carburetor.

Gross (Passchendaele) plays the wanted Montana Kid — an American outlaw who suddenly shows up disoriented in the fictional Canuck town of Barclay's Brush where he immediately challenges a blacksmith to a gunfight.

The only problem: There are no working pistols in Barclay's Brush.

While The Kid bides his time waiting for the necessary repairs to an old sidearm, he soon warms up to the peace-loving locals — most notably Jane (Sienna Guillory of Inkheart), a tough-talking settler who rejects his gun-toting ways.

At a glance
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Adam Scott stars in Passenger Side.

A little fun on the road

Passenger **Side**

Director: Matt Bissonnette
Stars: Joel Bissonnette, Adam Scott
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Passenger Side is yet another in a long line of understated, no budget Canadian road movies that date back to Don Shebib's groundbreaking 1970 East coaster tragedy Goin Down the Road.

For some reason the road flick is part of the fabric of our cinematic identity, perhaps because it doesn't cost much to pile into a car and drive across the country. And that's also why the government likes to fund them: they're patriotic and cheap.

But the difference between Passenger Side and the rest of its Northern ilk, is that this one is actually set in L.A.

Adam Scott (Step Brothers,) and Joel Bissonnette (who's brother Matt also wrote and directed) star as two Montreal-born brothers with heavy emotional baggage. When Bissonette asks his younger sibling to chauffer him around the city one day so he can run some errands, much clever dialogue and indie rock music ensue. But the older lad is hiding more than one secret and by the end of the trip, both brothers will have to confront their true feelings about each other and many skeletons will collapse out of their respective closets.

Well written and occasionally funny (and oddly smutty), there's a Brown Bunny-esque aimlessness to the flick that might leave some viewers sleepy. Thank heavens the acting is well above average with the terminally underrated Scott owning the screen.

Kids' comedy done wrong

Furry **Vengeance**

Director: Roger Kumble
Stars: Brendan Fraser, Brooke Shields, Ken Jeong
Classification: G
Rating: ⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Furry Vengeance is exactly what's wrong with most comedies aimed at children.

It's difficult to say whether the movie started with a screenplay or a checklist of every overused example of slapstick comedy in the books. Presumably the filmmakers thought that if they geared their movie at a young enough audience they'd be lucky enough to find viewers who hadn't seen these jokes thousands of times before and might able to trick them into laughing. That's probably true, but it's unfair to let children think that this passes for comedy.

Brendan Fraser stars in Furry Vengeance.

The film stars Brendan Fraser as a father who uproots his wife (Brooke Shields) and son to take them to a woodland community where he will oversee the decimation of the forest in favour of strip malls and suburbs.

Somehow the animals find out and set about torturing Fraser to stop the development. Cue an endless series of pratfalls, potty jokes, and grown men getting hit in the groin.

Fraser can't be criticized for a lack of energy as he plays every joke like it's genius and commits to countless physical gags that must have lead to injury. Unfortunately, he just doesn't get many laughs nor does Brooke Shields.

Most of the screen time is dedicated to countless woodland creatures (who clearly weren't filmed with the actors) and their cartoony CGI equivalents. A couple of consistent comedic performers like The Hangover's Ken Jeong and Daily Show veterans Samantha Bee and Rob Riggle improvise a handful of decent jokes, but not nearly enough.

If you have children young enough to be susceptible to this sort of simplistic comedy, please steer them away. You'll only encourage this type of filmmaking to continue.

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Lee readies Life of Pi in 3-D

Ang Lee has revealed that he is working on a Hollywood version of Yann Martel's novel Life of Pi. The Brokeback Mountain director has pitched "a 3-D magical fantasy adventure, crammed with visual effects" to he studios. EMPIREONLINE.COM

A Nightmare on failure Street

A Nightmare on **Elm Street**

Director: Sam Bayer
Stars: Jackie Earle Haley, Rooney Mara
Classification: 18A
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Rooney Mara plays Nancy — a teen tormented by Freddy Krueger in her dreams — in the remake of A Nightmare on Elm Street.

The brilliance of Wes Craven's original A Nightmare on Elm Street was that it took the already tired '80s trend of stalk and slash "dead teenager" films (as Roger Ebert would call them) and completely threw it off its axis, combing nubile damsel-in-distress cliches with abstract, anything goes surrealist/expressionist dream logic.

The film is a classic, and rightfully so. Sam Bayer's mammoth budgeted remake is not. In fact it ain't much of anything.

Recycling not only the plot but most of the original's set pieces, NOES 2010 stars a gaggle of vacant, pretty teens who battle sleep deprivation in order to evade the nightmare infiltrating, razor-gloved wrath of a scar tissue coated boogeyman named Freddy Krueger (Watchman's Jackie Earle Haley). We know they're sleep deprived because the lads have perfectly manicured stubble and ruffled shocks of hair while the ladies sport snazzy junkie-chic designer makeovers. Like in the original, said catalogue casualties get butchered in their dreams and then explode into hamburger in real life as well. It's up to doe-eyed Nancy (Rooney Mara, who at least shows some semblance of life) and her histrionic emo pal Quentin (Kyle Gallner) to get to the bottom of the mystery before the entire neighborhood falls prey to the stink end of Freddy's fingers.

Produced by Michael Bay's franchise plundering Platinum Dunes imprint, A Nightmare on Elm Street makes Bay's last horror hack job Friday The 13th look like Double Indemnity. This is truly a shrug of a film that aims to duplicate the tone of the original while tinkering with virtually every aspect of it that made it work.

Haley is poorly used and lacks enough menace for the role of a homicidal, undead child molester; every time he's on screen, you'll find yourself pining for Robert Englund.

Director Bayer fails to exploit the liquid possibilities of the dream landscape, the script is non-existent, the actors have little to do but run and scream and the entire reason for Freddy's existence is so watery and weak that it barely registers. This is a film designed by suits in boardrooms, with charts and graphs and contempt for their audiences.

• For a trailer of A Nightmare on Elm Street, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Perfect Game's got heart

The Perfect **Game**

Director: William Dear
Stars: Clifton Collin Jr., Cheech Marin, Emilie De Ravin
Classification: PG
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

A scene from The Perfect Game.

FEATURE The Perfect Game is an unashamedly corny movie that crams in practically every sports movie cliché into a tight running time. However, it's also a surprisingly warm and touching film that works thanks to an inspiring central story and an impressive cast.

Toronto-born director William Dear (Harry And The Hendersons) tells the tale of the 1957 Mexican little league baseball team that was so poor they walked across the border to their first game, but ended up winning the championship. The director mixes in genuine newsreel footage of the actual team whenever possible, which is a nice touch. If the footage wasn't there, it would be difficult to believe this actually happened.

The film opens in a depressed industrial Mexican community. The children run around with nothing to do when they aren't following the Brooklyn Dodgers on the radio with an almost religious devotion.

Cheech Marin plays the local priest (yep, that Cheech and he's quite good as well) who decides to start up a baseball team to give the kids something to do. He soon enlists the coaching duties of a local ne'er do well who left the St. Luis Cardinals minor league system due racism (played by the perpetually underrated Clifton Collins Jr. in a rare lead role). He turns the children into a talented team and then … well you know the rest. As the title suggests, the 1957 Little League World Series ends with the only perfect game ever pitched in that setting.

At times the film can be slowed down by a number of unwieldy subplots including Caesar's unnecessary love interest and a hotshot reporter covering the team, but never enough to derail the main storyline.

This a very simple story filled with plenty of drippy sentimentality and scenes with child actors shamelessly mugging for the camera. However, the movie is also incredibly sweet, undeniably inspiring, and its heart is in the right place. Any child with a love of baseball is guaranteed to enjoy it.

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OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Beavers (STC) A.M. Fri-Thu 11
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The Ultimate Wave Tahiti (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 4-7:10-9:30 Mon-Wed 7:10-9:30 Thu 7:10
Iron Man 2 (STC) Thu 12:01

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Tue 2-4:15-7:20-9:40 Wed-Thu 2-4:15-9:40
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30-9:20
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
Oceans (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:20-5:20-7:10-9
The Secret in Their Eyes (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:30

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Chloe (18A) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:50-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:25
Control Alt Delete (STC) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:20
The Ghost Writer (PG) Sun 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:05
Green Zone (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:20-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:15
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:45-9:45 Mon-Wed 5:35-8
The Last Station (14A) Fri 6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:10
The Runaways (14A) Fri 9:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
A Shine of Rainbows (G) Sat-Sun 1:25-4:05
Stand by Me (STC) Fri 7:30

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Crazy Heart (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
A Single Man (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 9:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Date Night (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10
How to Train Your Dragon (G) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9:15 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4:05-6:45-9:15 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:10-7:45
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 7:15-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5-8

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Betty and Vera Go Lawn Bowling (STC) Wed
Breathless (STC) Sun 7 Mon 9:05
Get Yer Ya-Ya's Out (STC) Fri-Sat
Gimme Shelter (STC) Fri 7 Sat 8:50
Grey Gardens (STC) Fri 9:40 Sat 7
The Grocer's Wife (STC) Thu 7
Man Feel Pain (STC) Thu
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Off-Key (STC) Thu
Psycho (STC) Sun 8:45 Mon 7
When Tomorrow Dies (STC) Wed 7

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri 4-7:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-4-7:30 Mon-Thu 4-7:30

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Gunless (PG) Fri 4:30-7-9 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:30-7-9 Mon-Wed 4:30-7-9 Thu 4:30

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Chloe (18A) Sat-Thu 9:15
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Sat-Sun 4:30-7 Mon-Thu 7
Iron Man 2 (STC) Thu 12
Scarface (STC) Fri 12

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30
Avatar 3D (14A) Fri 11:45-3:20-6:50-10:20 Sat 3:20-6:50-10:20 Sun 11:45-3:20-6:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 2-6:50-10:20
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:15-10:25
Date Night (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:40-5-7:40-10:10 Mon 12:20-2:40-5-10:10 Tue-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:40-10:10
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 12:10-3:40-7:10-10:30 Sat 3:40-7:10-10:30 Sun-Tue 12:10-3:40-7:10-10:30 Wed 12:10-3:40-10:30 Thu 12:10-3:40-7:10-10:30
Gunless (PG) Fri-Thu 12:2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
Iron Man 2 (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7:30-10:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 10
The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:30-9:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:40

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

The Back-up Plan (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:05-2:10-3:35-4:40-6:05-7:15-8:35-9:45 No Passes Sun 11:45-1:05-2:10-3:35-4:40-6:05-7:15-8:35-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:05-2:10-3:35-4:40-6:05-7:15-8:35-9:45
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:25-5:45-7:55-10:10
Furry Vengeance (G) No Passes Fri-Sat 2:25-4:45-7:05-9:25 No Passes Sun 12:05-2:25-4:45-7:05-9:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:25-4:45-7:05-9:25
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Sat 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Tue 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Wed 2:45-5:15-7:30-10:15 Thu 2:45-5:15-10:15
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:30-9
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) A.M. Sun 11:30
The Losers (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:45-3-4:15-5:30-6:45-8-9:15-10:30 No Passes Sun 12:30-1:45-3-4:15-5:30-6:45-8-9:15-10:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:45-3-4:15-5:30-6:45-8-9:15-10:30 No Passes Thu 1:45-3-4:15-5:30-8-9:15-10:30
Oceans (G) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:35 Thu 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:35
Passenger Side (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:05-5:10-7:20-9:40
The Secret in Their Eyes (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:50-3:20-4:50-6:20-7:50-9:20 No Passes Sun 12:20-1:50-3:20-4:50-6:20-7:50-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:50-3:20-4:50-6:20-7:50-9:20

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The Life of the World to Come (STC) Fri-Sat 10
M Butterfly (STC) Thu 7
Much Ado About Nothing (STC) Mon 6:30
This Way of Life (STC) Fri-Sun 6:30 Wed 8:10

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 7-9:20

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat 1:15-4:6:40-9:20 Sun 4-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35
Gunless (PG) Fri 7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:35-3:50-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:45
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10
Iron Man 2 (STC) No Passes Thu 11:59
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Sun 2
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
The Losers (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4:30-6:50-9:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12:50-4:30-8 Mon-Thu 8
The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Date Night (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:30-6:40-9:30 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:30 Wed 9:30 Thu 6:40-9:30
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat 12-2:30-4:50-7-9:20 Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat 3:10-6:50-9:40 Sun 12:40-3:10-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 10
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri 7:20-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5-7:20-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50

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The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:40 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:40 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri 4:20-7-9:35 Sat 1:35-4:20-7 Mon-Thu 4:20-7
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Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:55 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:55 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri 4:40-7:20-9:50 No Passes Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:50 No Passes Sun 1:55-4:40-7:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20

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14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30 Sun 3:30-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30
The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Wed 12:25-3:35-6:55-9:50 Thu 12:25-3:35-6:55-9:30
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:10
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:05-9:45
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:40-7:50-10:40
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:35-9:25
Ekam - Son of Soil (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:25-8:05
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Wed 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:25-9:55 Thu 4:55-7:25-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 2-6:30-10:10 Sat 6:30-10:10 Sun-Thu 2-6:30-10:10
Gunless (PG) Fri-Thu 12:2:30-5-7:30-10
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 12:40-4:05-6:50-9:40 Sat 4:05-6:50-9:40 Sun 12:40-4:05-6:50-9:40 Mon 12:40-3:30-10:35 Tue-Thu 12:40-4:05-6:50-9:40
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:40-9:30
How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:15-7:9:30
Iron Man 2 (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
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Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Sun 1
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The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:20-10:30
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DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Sat 4:30-6:30-8:30 Sun 2-4:30-6:30-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:30-8:30
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9

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4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:55-9:55
The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-7:05-9:45
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:20
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:25-4:45-7:20-9:40
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The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:35-10:15
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Oceans (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:4:15-6:45-9:30

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Avatar (14A) Fri 4:30-8 Sat-Sun 1-4:30-8 Mon-Thu 4-7:30
Date Night (PG) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
The Last Song (G) Fri 4-7:10 Sat 1-4-7:10 Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
A Shine of Rainbows (G) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55-3-6:45-9:50 Sun 3:15-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 11:55-3-6:45-9:50
The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:25-7:15-10:15
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri 12:15-4:15-7:45-10:45 Sat 4:15-7:45-10:45 Sun-Thu 12:15-4:15-7:45-10:45
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:50-9:50
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The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:40-10:25
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Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Remember Me (PG) Fri-Wed 7 Thu 12:30-7

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Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 4:50-7-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:40-4:50-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7-9:10
Avatar (14A) Fri 8:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-8:40 Mon-Thu 8:40
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 4:20-6:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Sat-Sun 12:10-2-7 Mon-Thu 7
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 9
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 4:40

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The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:30 Wed 3:50-6:45-9:30 Thu 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-7:15-10:05
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:50-10:10
Ekam - Son of Soil (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:30-7-10:30
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Gunless (PG) Fri-Tue 12:2:30-5-7:30-10 Wed 5-7:30-10 Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
House Full (STC) Fri-Thu 1-4:30-8
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:20-4:50-7:25-9:50
Iron Man 2 (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:20
The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:50-9:20
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:45-10:15
Oceans (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:15-7:35-9:45

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The Back-up Plan (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:50-9:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:40-9:15
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:35-4:10-6:45-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1:35-4:10-6:45
Date Night (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:10-9:35
Furry Vengeance (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-4:20-7:05-9:40
House Full (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:35-9:10
Iron Man (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 9
Iron Man 2 (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Thu 12:01
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 2
Kick-Ass (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:40-4:25-7:15-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 4:25-7:15-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:15-10
The Last Song (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:35
The Losers (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-9:50
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:25-9:55
Oceans (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4-7-9:15
The Perfect Game (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:40-9:45

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How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2-7 Mon-Thu 7
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20
The Losers (PG) No Passes Fri 7:20-9:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-9:25
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri 7:30-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-9:30

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Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1-4:25-7:20-10:20 Sun-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:20
Avatar (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:35-6:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:55-10:25
The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:40-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:10-9:50
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:05-9:55
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:10-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:35-10:20
Date Night (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:55-7:9:40 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:9:40
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-7:15-10 Mon-Tue 3:40-7:15-10 Wed 3:40-10 Thu 3:40-7:15-10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:35-5-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:05
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:50-7-9:30 Mon-Tue 3:50-7-9:30 Wed 7-9:30 Thu 3:50-7-9:30 Wed 3
Gunless (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:35-5-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:25-9:50
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 1:35-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sat 4:50-7:25-10:15 Sun 1:35-4:35-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:25-10:15
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-5:10-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:45-10:25
How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:9:40 Mon-Wed 4:15-7:9:40
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Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Sun 1
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The Losers (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:45-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:30-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 10
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-1-2:30-4-5:10-7:10-7:45-9:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-5:10-7:10-7:45-9:45-10:30
Oceans (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Tue 4:45-7:15-9:45 Wed 7:15-9:45 Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3

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Television

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The cast from The Real Housewives of New Jersey, left to right, Dina Manzo, Teresa Giudice, Caroline Manzo and Jacqueline Laurita, star in a new season on Bravo.

Wives of Jersey are back in the house

In the first episode of The Real Housewives of New Jersey sophomore season, incendiary cast member Danielle Staub hangs out with her priest, pedicurist and daughters — but not any of the soapy Bravo reality series' other housewives.

It seems the rift between Staub and her fellow leading ladies is now larger than a Garden State hairdo.

"I think in the first season, it caught me off guard," said Staub. "I thought at least one of them was truly being a friend to me, whereas as this season pans out, I realize that's not the case."

Staub adds that this season, which premieres Monday, she's "not going to be anyone's patsy. I think the world will be just as interested in me as a single person as they will be in them as a group."

Staub, a single 47-year-old mother of two daughters, continues to be on one side of the Jersey barrier opposite sisters Dina and Caroline Manzo, their sister-in-law Jacqueline Laurita and family friend Teresa Giudice, who infamously savaged a table at a restaurant in last season's finale when the women confronted Staub about her alleged criminal past.

"What's amazing to me about this second season is it's so much about family," said Andy Cohen, Bravo's senior vice-president of original programming and development who also hosts The Real Housewives reunion shows.

"I wasn't going to allow anyone to put their hands on me without thinking there were repercussions because I'm not garbage. I'm actually a good person who deserves to go where I want to go without people attacking me.."
Danielle Staub

"Each of these women are mothers, and they all have different, intense and interesting things going on with their children this season."

Premiers Monday on Bravo

The reality TV drama entered the courtroom earlier this year when Ashley Holmes, Laurita's 19-year-old daughter, was found guilty in a municipal court on one count of assault and ordered to pay a fine after Staub complained that Holmes ripped out a clump of her hair extensions during an altercation, which will apparently factor into the second season.

"It was very painful, really unexpected and much undeserved," said Staub. "Police showed up, charges were made and it was up to the state. I wasn't going to allow anyone to put their hands on me without thinking there were repercussions because I'm not garbage. I'm actually a good person who deserves to go where I want to go without people attacking me."

Staub, who was accused of being an escort and drug addict in the first season, said she will tell her side in her upcoming autobiography, The Naked Truth: The Real Story Behind the Real Housewife of New Jersey — In Her Own Words. Despite Staub's rocky relationship with her Real Housewives cast members, she'd "absolutely" sign up for a third season.

"It's not about them," said Staub. "My life is never going to be about them."

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John credits boy with sobriety

Elton John says he's been sober for 20 years, since shortly after the death of an Indiana teen with AIDS who the musician credits with inspiring him to turn his life around.

John was in Indianapolis on Wednesday to headline a benefit celebrating the life and legacy of Ryan White. The 18-year-old died on April 8, 1990, about five years after contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, through a tainted blood transfusion to treat his hemophilia.

The singer befriended the boy during his public battle for acceptance after he was banned from a central Indiana school at age 13, bringing national attention to HIV/AIDS education and the plight of children with HIV in the 1980s. John was at Riley Children's Hospital when White died and was a pallbearer and performed at the funeral.

"It was one of the greatest things in my life to meet Ryan's family, to be there the last week to try and help, and then for that wonderful message that he gave me to change my life around," John told The Associated Press. "It was weird to take stock and think of it — I'm 20 years sober this year, and it's 20 years since Ryan died, because I got sober shortly afterward."

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Elton John performs at a tribute for Ryan White on Wednesday.

FRIDAY 4/30/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	News	To Be Announced					CBC News: The National		The Hour (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Medium "Sal" (N) (CC)		The Bridge (N)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	House "Broken" (PA) (CC)				Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC)		News
	256	389	12 VI	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N) (CC)		Wife Swap "Adams/Hess"		Miami Medical (N) (CC)		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Who Do You Think You Are?		Murdoch Mysteries		Warehouse 13 "Pilot" (CC)		EP Daily
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smallville "Sacrifice" (N)		America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Medium "Sal" (N) (CC)		Miami Medical (N) (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Who Do You Think You Are?		Dateline NBC (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	24 ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap (N) (CC)		Wife Swap "Adams/Hess"		20/20 (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	House "Broken" (PA) (CC)				News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	23 NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		Doc Zone: Dubai		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (CC)				Larry King Live (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off-Record	ATP Tennis World Tour Masters 1000: Quarterfinal. (Taped)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Material Girls ★ (2006) Hilary Duff, Haylie Duff. (CC)				Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Prank Patrol
	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	Pan's Labyrinth ★★★★ (2006, Fantasy)		
	268	354	5 KNO	100 Years-BC Court-Appeal		Poirot "Triangle at Rhodes"		Dalziel and Pascoe (CC)		Touch the Sound ★★★ (2004) (CC)		
cable variety	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	CMT's Greatest		Funniest Home Videos		Reba "Pilot"	Reba (CC)	Jim
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "Distress"		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Four Weddings (N) (CC)		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings (CC)		Say Yes	Say Yes	Weddings
	616	522	39 SHO	Relic Hunter (CC)		Ogre (2008, Fantasy) John Schneider, Ryan Kennedy. (CC)				Kenny vs.	Pure Pwnage	Misfits (CC)
	294	650	47 TBS	Longest Yard	(:40) The Longest Yard ★★ (2005) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock. (CC)					(:10) The Legend of Bagger Vance ★★★		
	603	561	69 FN	Diners, Drive	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Diners	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive
	-	-	55 AMC	(5:00) The Godfather, Part II ★★★★ (1974) Al Pacino. (CC)					Creation of the Humanoids ★ (1962)			Return
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:00) Happy-Go-Lucky (CC)		Four Christmases ★★ (2008) Premiere.			Wild West Comedy Show: 30 Days & 30 Nights			
	581	566	101 MTV	The City	After	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	Movie Night	After

SATURDAY 5/1/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	To Be Announced				Movie (CC)				News
	250	321	9 CTV	W5 (CC) (DVS)		Flashpoint (CC)		Law & Order (CC)		Spectacle: Elvis		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	Disappearance of the PX-15		Aboriginal Achievement Awards 2010			Legends-Lore	News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		The Road to Avonlea		Stargate Atlantis "Sunday"		Bravo!FACT
	253	359	13 CITY	Cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	Almost Heaven (2006) Donal Logue, Tom Conti. (CC) (DVS)				Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Ice Age ★★★ (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano.				CSI: NY (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		NCIS (CC)		The Mentalist (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Sounders FC	MLS Soccer Columbus Crew at Seattle Sounders FC. (Live)				Backroads	Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	24 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Meet the Fockers ★★ (2004) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller.				Castle (CC)		News
news	290	382	23 FOX	NASCAR Racing		Raymond	Jim	Grey's Anatomy (CC)		News	Washington	Wanda Sykes
	502	390	23 NW	Mystery of the Floating Feet		National	Issue	National	Mansbridge	Mystery of the Floating Feet		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLS Soccer		English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA. (Taped)				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker Stars
	400	400	30 TSN	NASCAR Racing		SportsCentre (CC)		E:60 (CC)		World Series of Poker		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Small Soldiers ★ (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst. Premiere.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Heartbeat "Guilty Secrets"		Midsomer Murders "Four Funerals and a Wedding" (CC)				Touch
	575	583	20 CMT	Jessica	Lambert: One	The Show	Talkin' 'Bout	Gilmore Girls (CC)		Gilmore Girls (CC)		Tuckerville
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Tunnel Vision"		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Disappeared (CC)		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Disappeared (CC)		Disappeared (CC)		48 Hours
	616	522	39 SHO	ReGenesis (CC)		A Woman's Rage (2008, Suspense) Brandy Ledford. (CC)				Fool's Gold ★ (2008) Kate Hudson (CC)		
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) The School of Rock		(:13) The School of Rock ★★★ (2003) Jack Black, Joan Cusack. (CC)				(:43) Envy ★ (2004) (CC)		
	603	561	69 FN	Top Chef Masters (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Chopped (CC)		Top Chef
	-	-	55 AMC	Master and Commander		Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World ★★★ (2003) Russell Crowe.						Stargate ★★
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:15) Inkheart ★★ (2009)		Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ★★ (2009) Shia LaBeouf. Premiere.					(:35) Quarantine ★★ (2008)	
	581	566	101 MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 gays	After	After

SUNDAY 5/2/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		Bon Cop, Bad Cop (2006) Colm Feore, Patrick Huard. (CC)				CBC News: The National		News
	250	321	9 CTV	Cold Case (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 16 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		Cold Case "Shattered"		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (N) (PA) (CC)		The Celebrity Apprentice Creating three radio commercials.				News Final
	256	389	12 VI	TMZ (N) (CC)		Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		Monk (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries		Survivorman (CC) (DVS)		Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal "Race Ipsa"		CSI: Miami "Bunk" (CC)		CSI: NY "Prey" (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 16 (N)		Cold Case (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Shattered"		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Dateline NBC (CC)		Minute to Win It (N) (CC)		The Celebrity Apprentice Creating three radio commercials.				KING 5 News
	288	380	24 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
news	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death (N)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (N) (PA) (CC)		News	Sports	House (CC)
	502	390	23 NW	The Berlin Wall			Mansbridge	CBC News: The National		The Berlin Wall		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (CC)			Motoring	Motorcycle	Planet Speed	30 for 30		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over		To Be Indie	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Spliced	Total Drama	Stoked	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	Tripping-Rift
	268	354	5 KNO	Nat'l Geographic Specials		The Royal "Stolen Dreams"		Cracker (N) (CC)		The Whistleblowers (CC)		Beautiful
cable variety	575	583	20 CMT	Meet-Wilsons	Wilsons	Star Crossed	Star Crossed	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Funniest Home Videos		Hope & Faith
	615	520	31 A&E	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Kirstie Alley
	521	560	34 TLC	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)		Seeing vs. Believing (CC)		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive		I Was Dead
	616	522	39 SHO	Pure Pwnage	Trailer Park	How I Married My High School Crush (2007) (CC)				Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber		
	294	650	47 TBS	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby ★★ (2006)				Vegas Vacation ★ (1997) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo.				Boat Trip ★
	603	561	69 FN	Dinner: Impossible (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	-	-	55 AMC	Breaking Bad "One Minute"		(:02) Breaking Bad (CC)		(:03) Mad Men (CC)		(:02) Breaking Bad (CC)		Cutthroat
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:15) 17 Again ★★ (2009)		The Soloist ★★ (2009, Drama) Jamie Foxx. (CC)				Milk ★★★★ (2008) Sean Penn. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	The Challenge		1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Life, Liz	Life, Liz	The Challenge		1 girl 5 gays

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Top 5 albums on the Billboard 200

1. Glee: The Music, The Power of Madonna, Glee Cast; 2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 3. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 4. Iron Man Soundtrack, AC/DC; 5. Raymond V Raymond, Usher. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Rock scene dry as a bone

Pop music is king in Dubai

SoundCheck

Scanning the skyline of Dubai is like watching bamboo grow. Nothing seems to be happening, but look away for a moment and it appears that all those skyscrapers under construction have grown by four floors.

As one of the most liberal areas in the Middle East, I'd expected to find a thriving rock scene. Iran, Iraq and Pakistan are quietly exporting metal bands. I've come to the desert of the UAE to drink from the waters of Western-style Arabic rock. I was misinformed.

The UAE is firmly in the thrall of pop. English-language radio features either Justin Bieber all the time or endless re-runs of '80s hits like Out of Touch by Hall and Oates.

Even buying music is difficult — not because of censorship issues, but because there's nowhere to buy it. The Dubai Mall — so big that you locate stores by latitude and longitude — has just one little music store.

The Mall of the Emirates — the one with the indoor ski hill where the temperature is kept at -3 C, even when it's 47 C outside — may have a Virgin Megastore (the only music retailer out of 466-plus shops), but its floor space is devoted to DVDs, video games, computers, Rock Band/Guitar Hero displays, musical instruments and T-shirts. The few racks of CDs are way at the back of the store. It took me 10 minutes to find them.

In Dubai, System of a Down frontman Serj Tankian, who has a successful solo career, is considered "Arabic rock."

"Can you show me any local or regional rock?" I asked the person heading up the section.

"Here," he said, handing me a Serj Tankian CD, "Arabic rock."

"Um, no," I responded. "This guy is Armenian, lives in California and was part of an American band called System of a Down."

"No," said the clerk. "Arabic."

And so it went with him seemingly picking CDs at random and me gently explaining how he was wrong. In the end, he stumbled upon a genuine local thrash-metal band called Nervecell. We also found a compilation CD featuring a Pakistani group called The Kominas who sing a song called Sharia Law in the USA! (I later read about an alt-rock group from Abu Dhabi called Juliana Down. I couldn't find any CDs but they do have a MySpace page.)

I tried one more time at duty-free at the airport. The clerk smiled and handed me a Justin Bieber CD.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Wavin' Flag raises $1M for Haiti

CHARTS The star-studded benefit single version of Wavin' Flag continues to fly on top of the charts.

The song has spent seven straight weeks atop the radio charts and has raised more than $1 million for victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The song features Drake, Justin Bieber and more than 50 artists remixing K'naan's original tune with Haiti-focused lyrics.

In brief

CHARTS The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs:

1. Iron Man 2 Soundtrack, AC/DC
2. Fever, Bullet For My Valentine
3. Wavin' Flag, Young Artists for Haiti
4. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber
5. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum
6. Nikki, Nikki Yanofsky
7. B.o.B Presents the Adventures of Bobby Ray, B.o.B.
8. The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga
9. Nobody's Daughter, Hole
10. Glee: The Music, The Power of Madonna, Glee Cast

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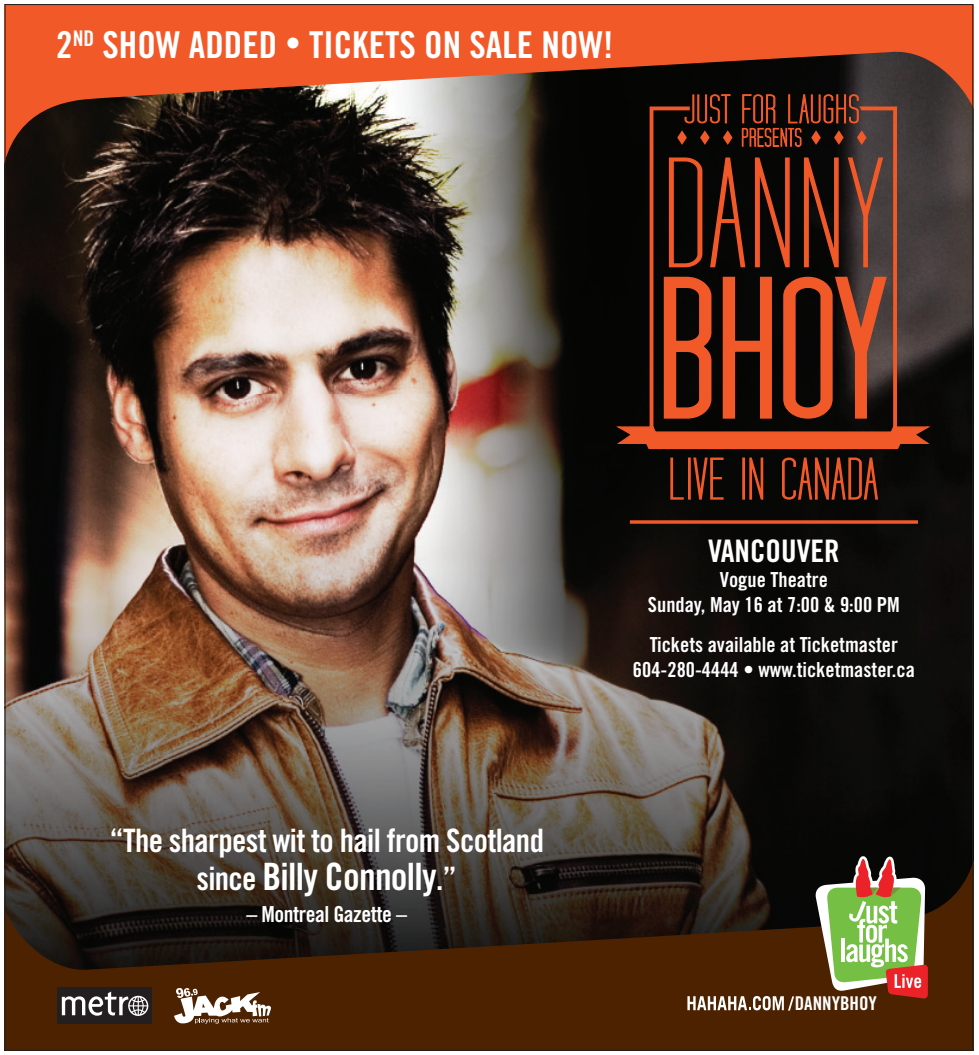
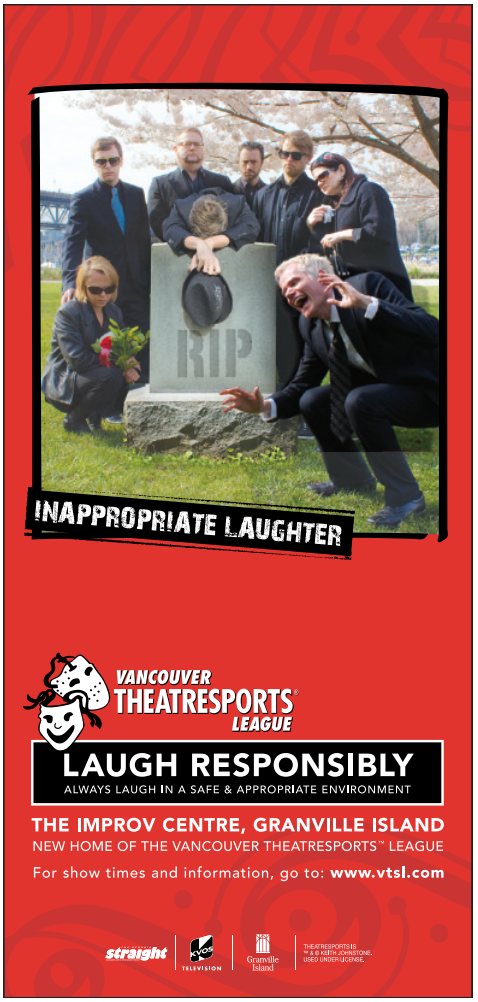




Longoria Parker fragrance
Eva Longoria Parker developed her own fragrance because she is allergic to so many ingredients. The actress admitted she was always envious of other women who could wear perfume before it occurred to her to make her own. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 True Blood minisodes

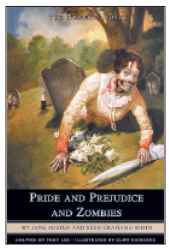
ONLINE Season three of True Blood doesn't hit the air until June, but HBO has released a minisode featuring vampires Eric and Pam interviewing potential talent for their club, Fangtasia. Entertainment Weekly reports this is the first of six teases to be released over the next few weeks.

2 Betty White

TV Like a fine wine, Betty White seems to get more endearing with age. The former Golden Girls star is set to guest host Saturday Night Live on May 8 — all thanks to a grassroots Facebook petition. There is even a new You Tube tribute video to the white-haired actress set to the classic song White Lines.

3 Pride and Prejudice and Zombies — the graphic novel

POP CULTURE Straight on the heels of Twilight's turn into a graphic novel comes this updated version of the Jane Austen classic. The book, with zombies added by Seth Grahame-Smith, has been out for a while, but now you can actually see corseted-heroine Elizabeth Bennet kick some zombie butt.



4 Iron Man 2

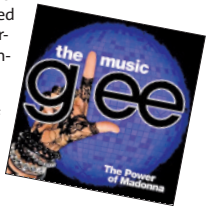
MOVIES Robert Downey Jr. reprises his role of Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, in this sequel to the 2008 superhero movie. Will Stark reveal the technology behind his metal alter-ego? Will Pepper Potts finally get her man? Iron Man 2 opens on May 7.

5 Awkward Family Photos

BOOK The guys behind AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com — Mike Bender and Doug Chernack — have collected some of the most humorous and horrifying family photos and put them together in this book. From matching outfits, to crazy hair and posed shots, it's all very hilarious — and chances are you will be able to spot your own family in this collection.

6 Glee – The Power of Madonna

MUSIC Glee's recent Madonna-themed episode turned out to be a ratings juggernaut for the series, and Internet gossip is already prediction the show will take another stab at the Material Girl. Until then, fans of the show can pop a new CD — featuring the cast performing seven Madonna songs — into their stereos.



7 Nine

DVD It's time to plan an Italian night; and I am not talking about a spaghetti supper. The multiple award-nominated Nine — starring Daniel Day Lewis and a bevy of beautiful women — hits stores shelves on Tuesday.

Mix of Six

Rob Zombie & Alice Cooper

When: Saturday, 7:45 p.m
Where: Pacific Coliseum

Heavy metal rockers Alice Cooper and Rob Zombie will be in town for their Gruesome Twosome Tour. Tix: $57 – $72. Info: ticketmaster.ca.

Dangerous Corner

When: Opens Saturday
Where: Vancouver Playhouse Theatre (Hamilton and Dunsmuir streets)

It's a classical act of deception. At a dinner party, a guest makes a chance remark that ignites a series of devastating revelations leading to a tangle of infidelities, dark secrets and possibly murder. Info: vancouverplayhouse.com.

One World Art Show and Haiti Fundraiser

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Where: Telus World of Science

Event to raise awareness and support for the deployment of emergency relief for Haiti featuring exhibits of works by more than 60 artists and performers. Tix: $25. Info: 604-999-6177 or artistrun.org.

Playland at the PNE

When: Ongoing
Where: 2901 E. Hastings

Home to a world-class wooden rollercoaster and various other rides, Playland is open for thrill seekers. It also includes family-friendly areas like Kid's Playce and Pacific Adventure Golf. Info: pne.ca.

Leonardo Da Vinci: The Mechanics of Man

When: Every day until Sunday
Where: Vancouver Art Gallery

The gallery's exhibit of anatomical studies drawn by Leonardo Da Vinci in 1510 and 1511 wraps up on Sunday. Tix: $19.50. Info: vanartgallery.bc.ca.

The Wellness Show

When: All weekend.
Where: Vancouver Convention Centre

Annual trade show caters to people looking for a more holistic lifestyle. It includes demos and workshops, kids wellness, pets wellness and healthy aging. Tix: $12.50/10/5, children five and under free. Info: thewellnessshow.com.

Beatles' A Day in the Life handwritten lyrics to go on sale

For the right price, some lucky Beatlemaniac will be able to own the lyrics to the final song on the Beatles album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to the Beatles classic A Day in the Life are being auctioned in June, Sotheby's announced on Thursday. The double-sided sheet of paper features Lennon's edits and corrections in his own hand — in black felt marker and blue ball point pen, with a few annotations in red ink.

It is expected to fetch between $500,000 and $700,000 when it is sold in New York on June 18.

Rolling Stone magazine listed A Day in the Life at No. 26 in its compilation of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time and Sgt. Pepper won four Grammy awards in 1968.

The lyrics stirred controversy when the Beatles released the album in 1967. The song was banned by the BBC because it twice features the line, "I'd love to turn you on," which was interpreted as supporting illegal drug use.

The album's Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds was alleged to have glorified the use of the hallucinogenic LSD, a claim that band members denied.

In addition, A Day in the Life features the lyric "he blew his mind out in a car," which Beatles aficionados claim is a reference to the accidental death of Tara Browne, the Guinness heir and close friend of both Lennon and Paul McCartney. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to the Beatles classic A Day in the Life are being auctioned in June. The song appears on the Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album (pictured).

Clooney: So hot, even his house is explosive

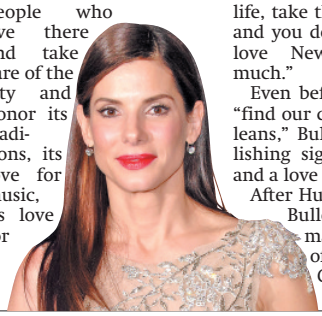
As a friendly reminder that George Clooney lives in Italy, military experts were called in to retrieve a cache of unexploded Second World War bombs discovered in the lake where the actor's home sits, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Bullock's Big Easy connection

SAINT SANDRA OF NEW ORLEANS It's a city synonymous with rebuilding — so New Orleans seems like the perfect place for Sandra Bullock to raise son Louis, people.com reports.

"New Orleans is his city, and he is going to know it inside and out," Bullock says in the exclusive cover story with the magazine, on newsstands now. "Without the spirit of the people who live there and take care of the city and honor its traditions, its love for music, its love for life, take those people out and you don't have why I love New Orleans so much."



Even before deciding to "find our child in New Orleans," Bullock was establishing significant ties to and a love for the Big Easy.

After Hurricane Katrina, Bullock became a major supporter of Warren Easton Charter High School, the first public high school for boys in Louisiana.

In September Bullock put down more permanent roots, purchasing a home in the Garden District of New Orleans. The mansion is reportedly near property owned by Treme star John Goodman and a home previously owned by writer Anne Rice.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Alba 'heats up' her NYC hotel room

DISPELLING AIRHEARD RUMOURS: UR DOING IT WRONG Disaster nearly struck in Jessica Alba's trendy New York hotel room when the actress tried to heat up some fish sticks for an early dinner and couldn't figure out how to work the oven, according to Page Six.

"She ended up almost causing a fire in her room," a source says. "Fire alarms ended up going off throughout the hotel. The smoke was so bad that fire trucks had to come." Other guests in the hotel were quite displeased, according to the source.

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

Today, **JOHN CUSACK** thinks his spell-check is trying to tell him something, **JOE JONAS** is looking for a good time, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** is making new friends.

@johncusack i was typing to someone about the whitehouse press dinner and my iphone typed out whorehouse press dinner... did i mean that or is it a sign?

@joejonas Anyone in the LA area own a softball field we can play at?.

@ConanOBrien I just ran into Ellen DeGeneres on the Warner Bros lot and we played ping pong. I think she's really into me.

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He's Pitted off

HIGH SCHOOL. IT NEVER ENDS Brad Pitt is reportedly displeased with Jennifer Aniston's cover story and photo to shoot in Architectural Digest, since it's his favorite magazine — and one she used to make fun of him for reading, a source tells Us Weekly.

"Brad thinks she is pathetic," the source says. "(He) feels this is all so desperate. It was a ploy to get his attention."

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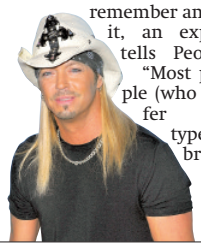
Doctor: Michaels probably won't remember details of health crisis

SMALL MERCIES In the past few days, Bret Michaels was rushed to a hospital after suffering a brain hemorrhage, underwent tests while remaining in critical but stable condition and found out he had a side effect that could lead to seizures. But there's a good chance the rocker won't remember any of it, an expert tells People.



"Most people (who suffer this type of brain hemorrhage) don't remember most of their hospitalization — they have no recollection," Dr. Melvin Field, director of the Florida Hospital Neuroscience Institute, tells the magazine.

Michaels will remain under the care of doctors.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Brinkley and daughter get matching plastic pick-me-up

CELEBRITIES: *NOT* JUST LIKE US For some mother and daughter bonding, Christie Brinkley and Alexa Ray Joel got plastic surgery earlier this month, according to Star magazine, hitting a New York doctor's office one day apart for procedures that set them back $60,000, sources estimate. Brinkley reportedly went in for a face-lift, while Joel got a nose job.

"Both Alexa and Christie are so happy," a source tells the magazine.

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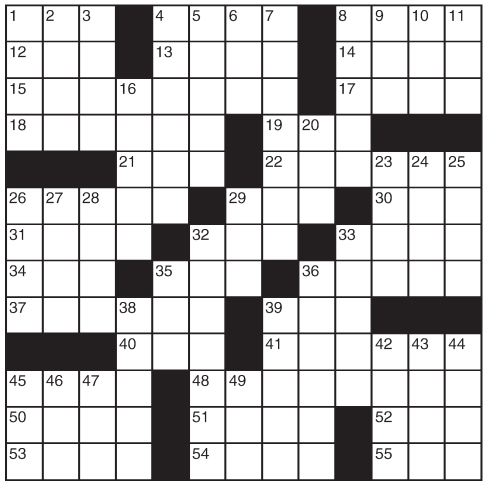

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Resort
4 Practice pugilism
8 Castle's protection
12 Branch
13 Ginormous
14 Con
15 Calm
17 Profound
18 Parodies
19 Actress Thurman
21 Remuneration
22 Follow orders
26 TV journalist Catherine
29 A handful
30 Lucy of "Charlie's Angels"
31 Top 10, e.g.
32 Blue
33 Microbrewery product
34 Lemieux milieu
35 Repair
36 Raise a glass to
37 Urge
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50 Lisa's brother
51 Sandwich treat
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54 Night light
55 Speck

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1 Pouches
2 Shore (up)
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4 Ram's-horn trumpet
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6 Time of your life?
7 Lessened
8 Sir's counterpart
9 Indivisible
10 Foolhardiness personified
11 Gratuity
16 Vatican VIPs
20 Do some lawn work
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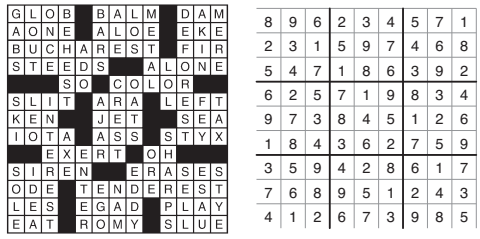

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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
2 egg whites, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
4 (6-7oz) skinless, boneless chicken breasts
2 cups finely grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high and set oven rack to top position. Lightly oil a rimmed sheet pan with olive oil and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, mix egg whites with Dijon mustard and set aside. Place chicken breasts on a cutting board. With a knife parallel to the cutting board, cut chicken breasts in half lengthwise to create two thin chicken breast cutlets. Working with one cutlet at a time, dip chicken into egg white mixture and then coat in Parmesan cheese and place on prepared sheet pan.
3. Broil chicken breasts until crunchy and golden on one side, flip over and continue to cook on other side until cooked through, about 4 minutes per side. Toss carrots with walnuts just before serving. Divide chicken cutlets and carrot mixture among four plates and serve with any remaining broth from pan.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You will have to make sacrifices if you are going to turn your dreams into realities. At least the Sun's is in the financial sector of your chart.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Focus clearly on what it is you want out of life. The planets indicate that what you think about strongly over the next few days is likely to come true.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may be outgoing by nature but there are times when you need to be alone and explore what's going on inside your mind, and this is one of them.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Recent events, either in your private life or at work, have pointed you in a new direction that can help bring meaning and purpose to your existence.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Decide what your number one ambition is going to be, then get ready to make it happen. There will be no end of opportunities to move up.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
So many of the things you have been worrying about mean nothing in the greater scheme of things.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No one can hide anything from you at the moment. Which might be the reason why certain people are avoiding you — they're worried.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You need to be a bit more open about your feelings — not a lot, but enough to let certain people know that you are not emotionally distant.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Nothing in life happens purely by chance, and if you keep that thought in mind today you will find it easier to accept what happens next.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have a wonderful future, and if you don't believe that now you will start to believe it over the next few days.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
If others have been critical of your behavior lately it is most likely because you don't play by the rules like they do and, to put it bluntly, they are jealous.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You will find yourself in the company of people whose interests coincide with your own today and that's great.

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1812: The Territory of Orleans becomes the 18th U.S. state under the name Louisiana.
1927: Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford become the first celebrities to leave their footprints in concrete at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.
1973: Watergate Scandal: U.S. President Richard Nixon announces that top White House aids H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman and others have resigned.
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